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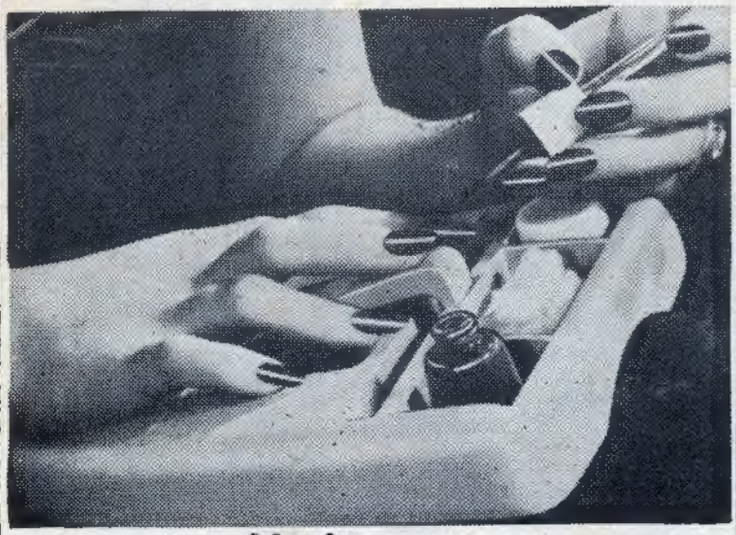

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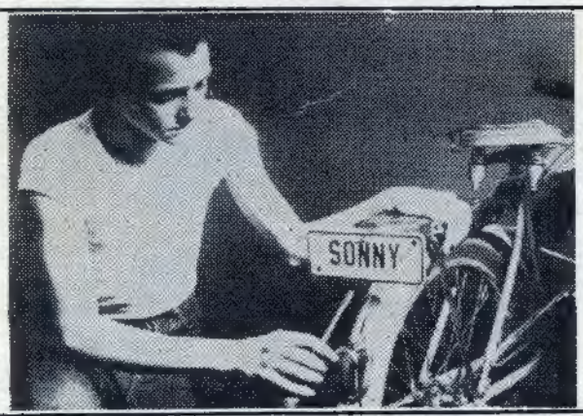

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The tricycle and bicycle sets adore these license plates in their own State license colors. Personalized with name or nickname (up to 7 letters) embossed on 25-gauge steel tag in baked enamel colors. Insures against loss of wagons, scooters, bikes or any other vehicle.

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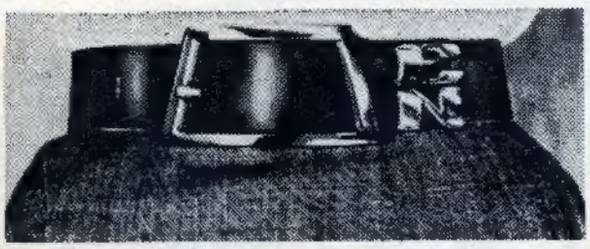

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A Dream Must End!

I'M THROWING OUT THAT NOVEL, RITA! I'VE GOT SOMETHING DIFFERENT, SOMETHING REAL THIS TIME! JUST LISTEN TO THE OUTLINE I'VE BEEN WORKING ON!
NO, STEVE! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT! IT'S ALWAYS THIS WAY... YOU'RE ALWAYS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT A STORY YOU START, BUT YOU'VE NEVER FINISHED WRITING ONE THING! AND YOU NEVER WILL, STEVE!
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COVERS #53

I'D LOVED STEVE HOBART FOR THREE YEARS! DREAMED ALONG WITH HIM, ENCOURAGED HIM...
YOU'RE NOT BEING FAIR, RITA! I FINISHED THREE CHAPTERS OF "THE LAST ANGEL"...
AND IT WAS TO BE THE BOOK, THE ONE YOU'D WORK ON TILL IT WAS DONE! BUT NOW YOU'RE THROWING THAT ASIDE?

WHERE IS IT ALL GOING TO END, STEVE? ALL OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE... EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON A NOVEL THAT MAY NEVER BE WRITTEN! AND EVEN IF YOU DO FINISH IT THIS TIME, THERE'S NO CERTAINTY IT WILL BE PUBLISHED!
I NEED YOUR FAITH IN ME, DEAR! I'D NEVER GET ANYWHERE WITHOUT THAT! I'LL COMPLETE MY BOOK, RITA... I PROMISE I WILL!

THE LOVELIEST, MOST ROMANTIC GIRL IN THE WORLD! TELEVISION'S "DELLA VISION"! GET YOUR COPY TODAY!

YOU'LL BE PROUD OF ME! I'LL BE RIGHT UP THERE WITH THE GREAT ONES! I'VE GOT THE TALENT... I KNOW I HAVE!
I'VE NEVER DOUBTED THAT, STEVE! IT'S JUST THAT I GET IMPATIENT SOMETIMES! WE DON'T SEEM ANY CLOSER TO BEING MARRIED THAN WE WERE WHEN YOU FIRST ASKED ME!

SO THERE I WAS AGAIN, LULLED BACK INTO THE DREAM BY STEVE'S FANCIFUL OPTIMISM...
I DON'T LIKE WAITING ANY MORE THAN YOU DO, BUT WE AGREED TO DO IT!
YES, WE SAID WE'D WAIT TILL YOU COULD AFFORD THE RESPONSIBILITY!
SNACK

YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY TO GET AHEAD AT YOUR OFFICE, STEVE, IF YOU'D ONLY BUCKLE DOWN! YOU JUST DO YOUR WRITING AT NIGHT AND ON WEEK ENDS ANYHOW!
MY JOB PAYS EXPENSES, BUT THAT'S ALL IT MEANS TO ME! I'M NOT CUT OUT TO BE A CLERK! I LOVE YOU, AND I WANT YOU TO BE MY WIFE... ONLY I'VE GOT TO GET MY START AS A WRITER!

THEY SAY A WRITER'S LIFE IS LONELY, BUT NOBODY THINKS OF THE GIRL IN HIS LIFE! THERE WERE LONELY EVENINGS AND WEEK ENDS, WHILE STEVE SAT AT HIS TYPEWRITER! HOW COULD I TELL HIM I LONGED TO GO OUT, TO DANCE AND ENJOY LIFE THE WAY OTHER YOUNG COUPLES DO!

THE ONLY TIME I SAW OTHER PEOPLE WAS WHILE I WORKED AT THE DEPARTMENT STORE! THAT'S WHERE THINGS STARTED TO CHANGE FOR ME! THERE WAS A CERTAIN FELLOW WHO CAME IN QUITE OFTEN AROUND NOON...
LOOK, RITA... HE'S BACK! ONE OF THESE DAYS HE'S GOING TO GET UP ENOUGH NERVE TO TALK TO YOU! IF HE TRIES TO MAKE A DATE, TAKE HIM UP ON IT!
I COULDN'T DO THAT... STEVE AND I ARE ENGAGED!
SALE $2.00

I COULD SEE THE DETERMINED LOOK ON HIS FACE! THEN HE CAME OVER, AND DORA STROLLED AWAY...
I'VE BEEN WONDERING IF YOU COULD HELP ME, MISS GIBSON! HOW DOES A SHY FELLOW LIKE ME GO ABOUT MEETING A PRETTY GIRL LIKE YOU?
WELL, HE ASKS THE GIRL SHE WORKS WITH WHAT HER NAME IS... THEN... BUT YOU SEEM TO BE DOING ALL RIGHT WITHOUT MY HELP!
$1.50 YARD
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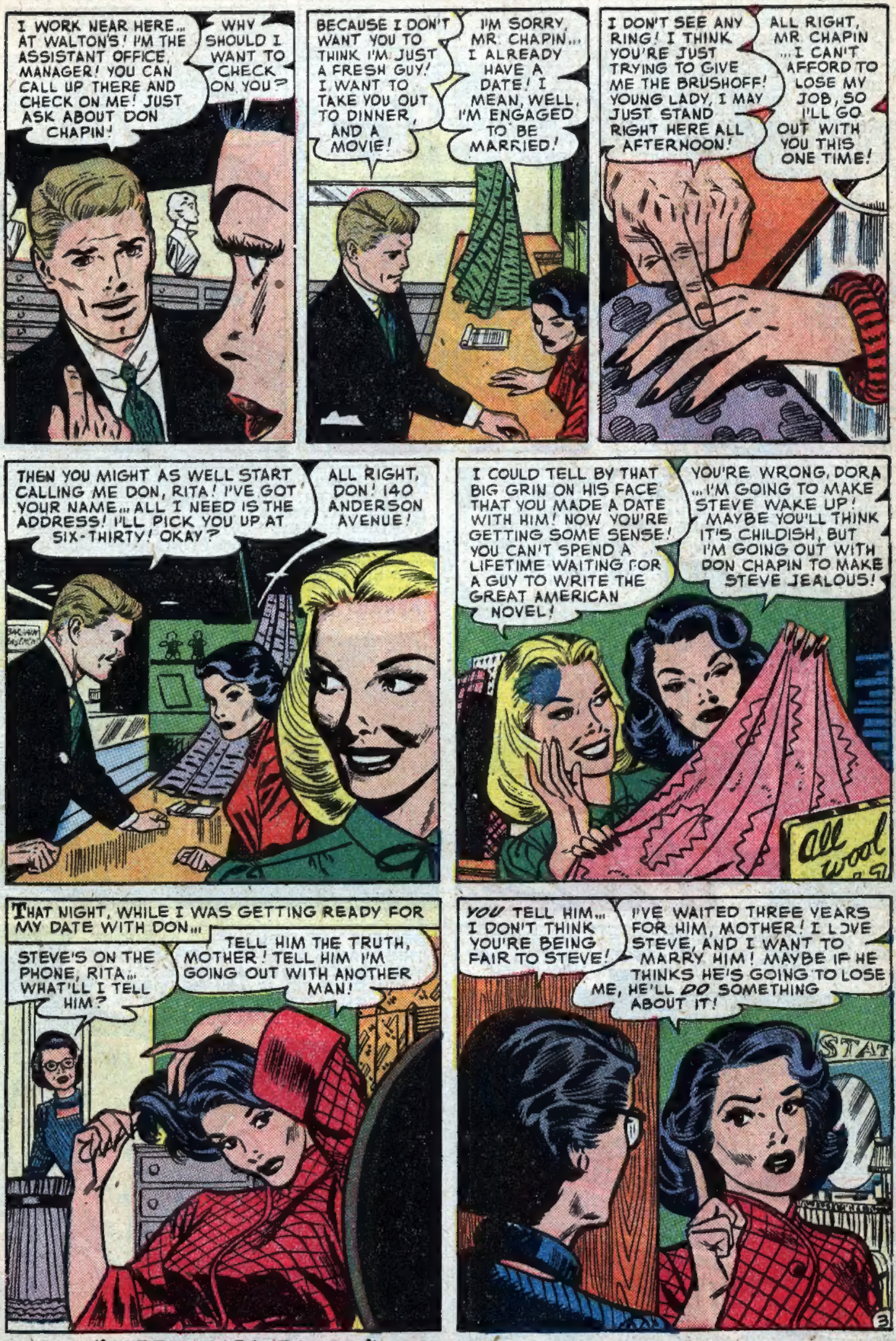
I WORK NEAR HERE... AT WALTON'S! I'M THE ASSISTANT OFFICE MANAGER! YOU CAN CALL UP THERE AND CHECK ON ME! JUST ASK ABOUT DON CHAPIN!
WHY SHOULD I WANT TO CHECK ON YOU?
BECAUSE I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK I'M JUST A FRESH GUY! I WANT TO TAKE YOU OUT TO DINNER, AND A MOVIE!
I'M SORRY, MR. CHAPIN... I ALREADY HAVE A DATE! I MEAN, WELL, I'M ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED!
I DON'T SEE ANY RING! I THINK YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO GIVE ME THE BRUSHOFF! YOUNG LADY, I MAY JUST STAND RIGHT HERE ALL AFTERNOON!
ALL RIGHT, MR CHAPIN ...I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE MY JOB, SO I'LL GO OUT WITH YOU THIS ONE TIME!
THEN YOU MIGHT AS WELL START CALLING ME DON, RITA! I'VE GOT YOUR NAME... ALL I NEED IS THE ADDRESS! I'LL PICK YOU UP AT SIX-THIRTY! OKAY?
ALL RIGHT, DON! 140 ANDERSON AVENUE!
I COULD TELL BY THAT BIG GRIN ON HIS FACE THAT YOU MADE A DATE WITH HIM! NOW YOU'RE GETTING SOME SENSE! YOU CAN'T SPEND A LIFETIME WAITING FOR A GUY TO WRITE THE GREAT AMERICAN NOVEL!
YOU'RE WRONG, DORA ...I'M GOING TO MAKE STEVE WAKE UP! MAYBE YOU'LL THINK IT'S CHILDISH, BUT I'M GOING OUT WITH DON CHAPIN TO MAKE STEVE JEALOUS!
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THAT NIGHT, WHILE I WAS GETTING READY FOR MY DATE WITH DON...
STEVE'S ON THE PHONE, RITA... WHAT'LL I TELL HIM?
TELL HIM THE TRUTH, MOTHER! TELL HIM I'M GOING OUT WITH ANOTHER MAN!
YOU TELL HIM... I DON'T THINK YOU'RE BEING FAIR TO STEVE!
I'VE WAITED THREE YEARS FOR HIM, MOTHER! I LOVE STEVE, AND I WANT TO MARRY HIM! MAYBE IF HE THINKS HE'S GOING TO LOSE ME, HE'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!
STAT
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"MEET MISS BLISS"... AMERICA'S FAVORITE, BEAUTIFUL SCHOOL-TEACHER! ON SALE NOW!

IT HURT ME TO TALK THAT WAY TO STEVE, BUT I TRIED HARD TO SOUND COOL AND INDIFFERENT..

YOU'D BETTER GET OVER THE IDEA THAT YOU OWN ME, STEVE! I'M NOT GOING TO BREAK A DATE JUST TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR TYPEWRITER COMPANY! TOMORROW NIGHT... I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE!

HOW GOOD IT WAS TO DANCE AGAIN, TO WEAR AN EVENING GOWN!

TO DANCE AS WELL AS *YOU* DO, YOU MUST PRACTICE WITH A DIFFERENT PARTNER EVERY NIGHT!

DON, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW FUNNY THAT IS!

DON WAITED OUTSIDE OF THE STORE TO TAKE ME TO LUNCH THE NEXT DAY...

WHAT ABOUT TONIGHT? I CAN GET TICKETS TO A SHOW!

I CAN'T... I PROMISED SOMEBODY ELSE I'D SEE HIM!

YOUR FIANCE AGAIN? RITA, I'M GETTING THAT STUBBORN FEELING... I DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO BE ABLE TO TAKE *NO* FOR AN ANSWER!

WELL, YOU MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR ME TO TURN YOU DOWN! I'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT, DON!

DON TOOK UP MOST OF MY EVENINGS DURING THAT MONTH! WHEN I SAW STEVE, HE WAS SULKY! MY TREATMENT SEEMED TO BE TAKING EFFECT ON HIM! BUT I HADN'T COUNTED ON DON GETTING SERIOUS...

I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU, RITA, BUT I'M AFRAID TO PROPOSE... AFRAID YOU'LL SAY *NO!*

OH, DON! I'M FLATTERED, REALLY...

I'VE HEARD THE LINE BEFORE! YOU LIKE *ME*, BUT YOU *LOVE* SOMEBODY ELSE!

I'M SORRY! THAT'S THE WAY IT IS!

BELIEVE ME, DON... IF I'D THOUGHT THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN... THAT YOU CARED EVEN A LITTLE, I WOULD'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE! I *AM* ENGAGED... I WANTED TO MAKE HIM JEALOUS!

I FELT BADLY AND DON DIDN'T MAKE ME FEEL ANY BETTER WHEN HE STARTED THE CAR AND DROVE ALONG IN SILENCE! AFTER A WHILE, THOUGH, HE TALKED...

IF I DIDN'T LOVE YOU SO MUCH, I'D HATE YOU, RITA! SURELY YOU MUST HAVE SEEN I WAS FALLING FOR YOU!

I'M ALL TO BLAME, DON... IT WOULD BE BETTER IF WE DON'T SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN!

DON'T SAY THAT! I'VE GOT TO SEE YOU AND BE NEAR YOU! I'VE GOT TO HOPE THAT YOU'LL CHANGE YOUR MIND!

I WON'T, DON! YOU'LL JUST BE HURTING YOURSELF MORE!

THE HEART DOES STRANGE THINGS! DON CHAPIN WAS EVERYTHING I WANTED STEVE TO BE! HE WAS STEADY, AND SERIOUS ABOUT HIS JOB! ONLY ONE THING STOOD BETWEEN US... I STILL LOVED STEVE...

I'VE SEEN IT COMING, I SUPPOSE, AND I DESERVE IT! I SHOULD HAVE MARRIED YOU FIRST!

THEN WRITTEN YOUR MASTERPIECE? NO, STEVE... I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF DREAMS! I WANT A HOME, SECURITY ...DON CAN GIVE ME ALL THAT!

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU! GIVE ME A CHANCE! I'LL MAKE GOOD FOR YOU... I'LL WORK HARD AT MY JOB... I'LL GET AHEAD!

STEVE, IF YOU SINCERELY MEAN YOU'LL PUT YOUR WRITING ASIDE TILL YOU GET SOMEWHERE WITH YOUR JOB, I'LL WAIT! I WON'T SEE YOU TILL THEN!

NEARLY A MONTH WENT BY WITHOUT MY SEEING STEVE, BUT HE WAS ALWAYS IN MY THOUGHTS! MEANWHILE, I STILL SAW DON CHAPIN...

HOW ABOUT IT? CHANGED YOUR MIND YET?

PLEASE DON'T ASK ME THAT! I'LL NEVER FEEL DIFFERENTLY ABOUT STEVE!

THEN, ONE DAY, STEVE CALLED ME! HE SOUNDED HILARIOUS WITH EXCITEMENT...

DON'T BE SILLY, STEVE! I CAN'T LEAVE THE STORE! CAN'T YOU TELL ME WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT OVER THE PHONE!

NO! I WANT TO SEE YOUR EXPRESSION WHEN YOU HEAR WHAT'S HAPPENED! WILL YOU COME OVER RIGHT FROM WORK?

I WAS SURE STEVE HAD BEEN PROMOTED AT HIS OFFICE AND HAD BEEN GIVEN A RAISE! I HAD A DATE WITH DON, BUT I DIDN'T CARE!

READ THAT LETTER! IT'S FROM MY UNCLE HARVEY'S ATTORNEY! THE POOR OLD GENT'S PASSED ON! HE'S LEFT ME EVERYTHING, RITA... FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS!

OH, STEVE! THAT'S WONDERFUL!

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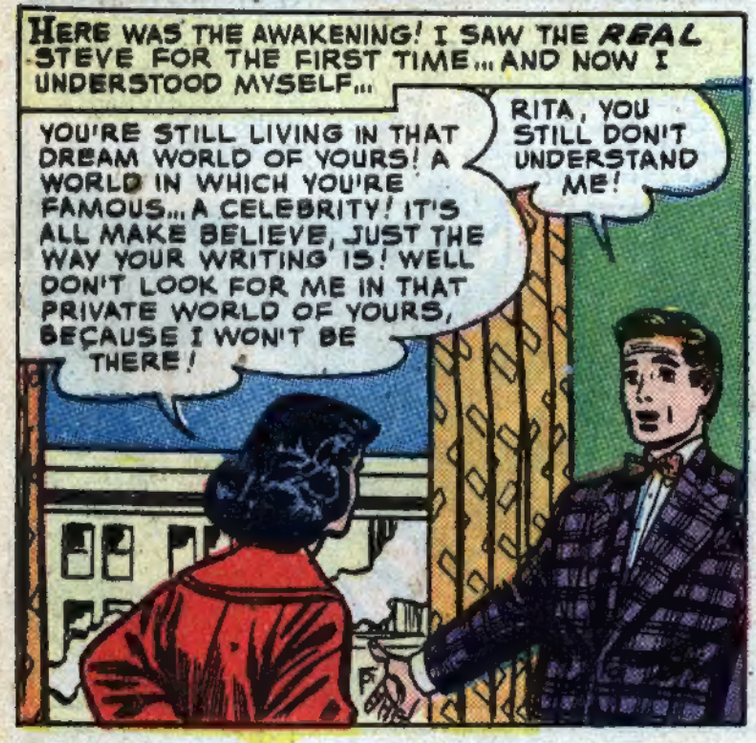
YOU'LL LAUGH WITH, YOU'LL LOVE "DELLA VISION"... THE MOST BREATH-TAKING BEAUTY ON T.V.

WE'LL BE MARRIED RIGHT AWAY, DARLING! I'LL TAKE YOU ON A SWELL HONEYMOON ...A MONTH IN BERMUDA!
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR JOB? WON'T TAKING ALL THAT TIME OFF HURT YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING AHEAD?

I'M RICH, RITA! I'M WORTH A SMALL FORTUNE! I'M GOING TO QUIT THAT JOB! AFTER WE GET BACK FROM BERMUDA, I'M GOING TO DEVOTE ALL MY TIME TO WRITING!
YOU MEAN THAT, DON'T YOU?


HERE WAS THE AWAKENING! I SAW THE REAL STEVE FOR THE FIRST TIME... AND NOW I UNDERSTOOD MYSELF...
YOU'RE STILL LIVING IN THAT DREAM WORLD OF YOURS! A WORLD IN WHICH YOU'RE FAMOUS... A CELEBRITY! IT'S ALL MAKE BELIEVE, JUST THE WAY YOUR WRITING IS! WELL DON'T LOOK FOR ME IN THAT PRIVATE WORLD OF YOURS, BECAUSE I WON'T BE THERE!
RITA, YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND ME!

NO, I DON'T! BUT I DO UNDERSTAND MYSELF! I DON'T LOVE YOU, STEVE ...I WAS TRYING TO PROTECT YOU FROM YOURSELF! BUT YOU DON'T NEED ME ANY MORE, SO THIS IS GOOD-BYE!

IT WAS AS THOUGH A GREAT WEIGHT HAD BEEN LIFTED FROM ME! IT WAS OVER WITH STEVE, OVER FOR GOOD! I WAS FREE!
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT HOME! DO YOU REALIZE YOU'VE KEPT ME WAITING HERE NEARLY AN HOUR?
DON, WOULD I BE MAKING UP FOR EVERYTHING IF I TOLD YOU I LOVE YOU? I'VE JUST REALIZED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I'M IN LOVE... WITH YOU, DON!
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DON TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS, AND WHEN I FELT HIS LIPS ON MINE, I KNEW IT WAS THE END OF ALL THE DREAMING, AND THE BEGINNING OF REAL HAPPINESS!
The End

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WHEN TRUE LOVE COMES

I'M SORRY TO HEAR YOU AND DOUG BROKE UP, GLORIA, AFTER GOING STEADY FOR THREE MONTHS... BUT IT'S OVER AND DONE WITH! FORGET IT! HE ISN'T WORTH UPSETTING YOURSELF FOR LIKE THIS!
NO MAN IS!
Colletta '61 GADS

AS I KISSED MY DATE GOOD NIGHT THE NEXT EVENING, THE MEMORY OF GLORIA'S BITTERNESS WELLED UP IN MY HEART! I DIDN'T WANT THE SAME EXPERIENCE TO MAKE ME A SCORNFUL CYNIC, TOO! I WANTED A MAN'S KISS TO MEAN MORE THAN A CASUAL GOOD NIGHT... IT HAD TO ASSURE ME THAT I'D NEVER BE REJECTED LIKE GLORIA...

MAKE YOUR DECISION: READ "DELLA VISION!" FOR GLAMOR, HUMOR, ROMANCE!

A WEEK LATER, I MET GREG CROFT AT A PARTY! FROM THE MOMENT WE FIRST SAID HELLO, WE SEEMED TO BE MEANT FOR EACH OTHER...

WONDERFUL PARTY... GOOD FOOD AND A CHARMING GUEST! MAY I DRIVE YOU HOME, DIANE?
YES, THANKS! BUT IT ISN'T A LONG TRIP... I LIVE JUST TWO BLOCKS AWAY!

BY THE END OF THE EVENING, I WAS MORE THAN MILDLY INTERESTED IN GREG...

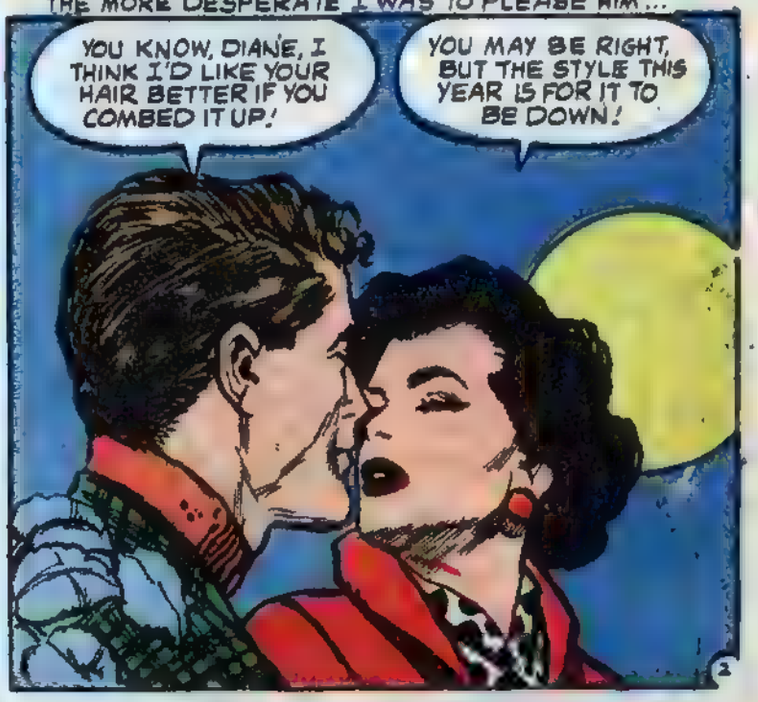
I'VE GOT TO MAKE HIM WANT TO DATE ME AGAIN! IF HE JUST SAYS GOOD NIGHT AT MY DOOR AND THAT'S THE END OF THINGS... THEN I'LL KNOW HE'S REJECTED ME!

THAT EVENING, I DID SOMETHING I'D NEVER DONE BEFORE... KISSED A MAN ON A FIRST DATE...

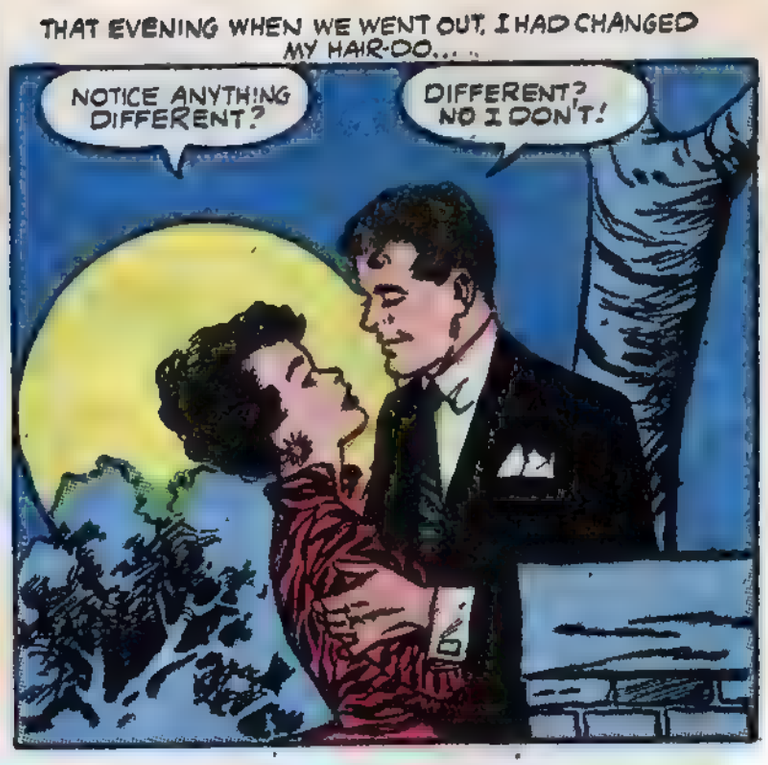
TWO DAYS LATER, GREG DATED ME AGAIN AND MY HEART FELT EASIER! HE HADN'T REJECTED ME! BY OUR THIRD DATE, I REALLY WAS FALLING FOR GREG...

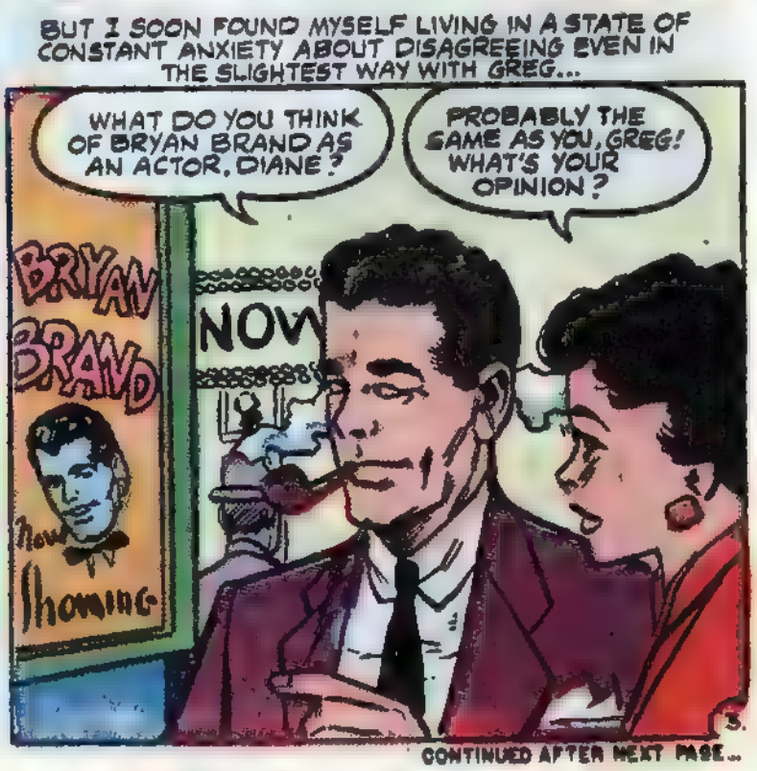
I TRIED TO CALL YOU ALL DAY! YOUR PHONE WAS BUSY! POPULAR GIRL!
DON'T WORRY, GREG, IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN! I WAS SAYING "GOOD-BYE" TO MOST OF MY BOY FRIENDS... CLEARING THE LINES FOR JUST YOUR CALLS!

THE MORE DEEPLY I BECAME INVOLVED WITH GREG, THE MORE DESPERATE I WAS TO PLEASE HIM...


YOU KNOW, DIANE, I THINK I'D LIKE YOUR HAIR BETTER IF YOU COMBED IT UP!
YOU MAY BE RIGHT, BUT THE STYLE THIS YEAR IS FOR IT TO BE DOWN!

AT LAST, IN HER OWN MAGAZINE... DON'T MISS: "MEET MISS BLISS!"




BUT I SOON FOUND MYSELF LIVING IN A STATE OF CONSTANT ANXIETY ABOUT DISAGREEING EVEN IN THE SLIGHTEST WAY WITH GREG...
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF BRYAN BRAND AS AN ACTOR, DIANE?
PROBABLY THE SAME AS YOU, GREG! WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?
BRYAN BRAND
NOW
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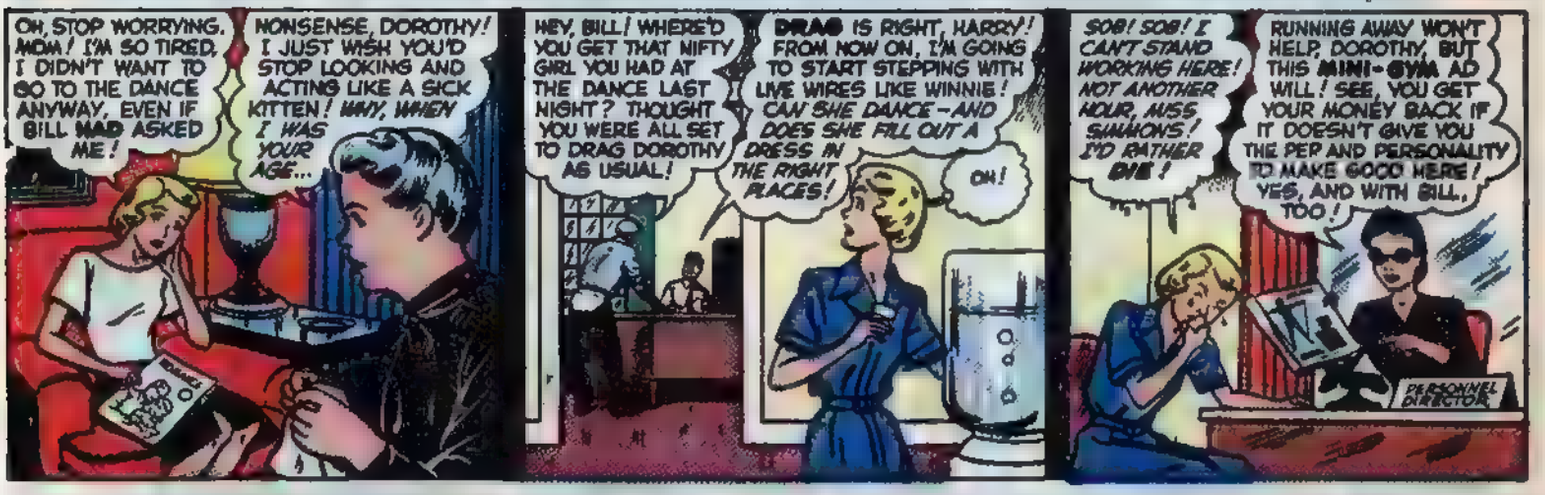
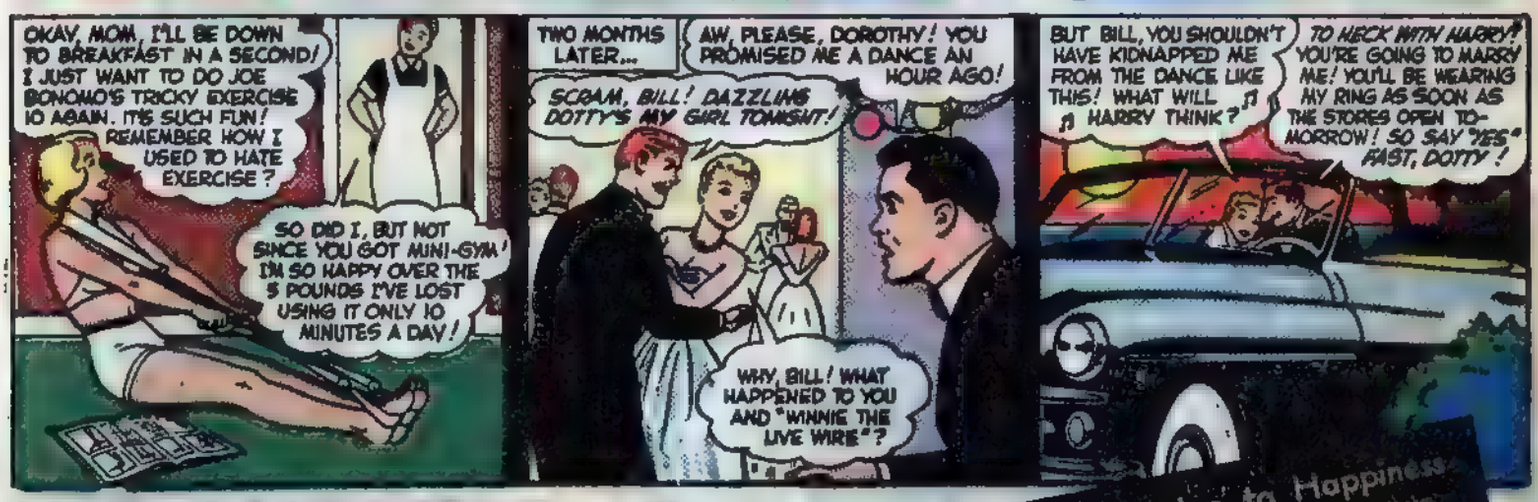
HOW MINI-GYM TURNS DATELESS DOROTHY INTO DAZZLING DOTTY!


OH, STOP WORRYING, MOM! I'M SO TIRED, I DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO THE DANCE ANYWAY, EVEN IF BILL HAD ASKED ME!
NONSENSE, DOROTHY! I JUST WISH YOU'D STOP LOOKING AND ACTING LIKE A SICK KITTEN! WHY, WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...
HEY, BILL! WHERE'D YOU GET THAT NIFTY GIRL YOU HAD AT THE DANCE LAST NIGHT? THOUGHT YOU WERE ALL SET TO DRAG DOROTHY AS USUAL!
DRAG IS RIGHT, HARRY! FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO START STEPPING WITH LIVE WIRES LIKE WINNIE! CAN SHE DANCE—AND DOES SHE FILL OUT A DRESS IN THE RIGHT PLACES!
OH!
SOB! SOB! I CAN'T STAND WORKING HERE! NOT ANOTHER HOUR, MISS SIMMONS! I'D RATHER DIE!
RUNNING AWAY WON'T HELP, DOROTHY, BUT THIS MINI-GYM AD WILL! SEE, YOU GET YOUR MONEY BACK IF IT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE PEP AND PERSONALITY TO MAKE GOOD HERE! YES, AND WITH BILL, TOO!
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR


OKAY, MOM, I'LL BE DOWN TO BREAKFAST IN A SECOND! I JUST WANT TO DO JOE BONOMO'S TRICKY EXERCISE 10 AGAIN. IT'S SUCH FUN! REMEMBER HOW I USED TO HATE EXERCISE?
SO DID I, BUT NOT SINCE YOU GOT MINI-GYM! I'M SO HAPPY OVER THE 5 POUNDS I'VE LOST USING IT ONLY 10 MINUTES A DAY!
TWO MONTHS LATER...
AW, PLEASE, DOROTHY! YOU PROMISED ME A DANCE AN HOUR AGO!
SCRAM, BILL! DAZZLING DOTTY'S MY GIRL TONIGHT!
WHY, BILL! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AND "WINNIE THE LIVE WIRE"?
BUT BILL, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE KIDNAPPED ME FROM THE DANCE LIKE THIS! WHAT WILL ♫ HARRY THINK?
TO HECK WITH HARRY! YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY ME! YOU'LL BE WEARING MY RING AS SOON AS THE STORES OPEN TOMORROW! SO SAY "YES" FAST, DOTTY!

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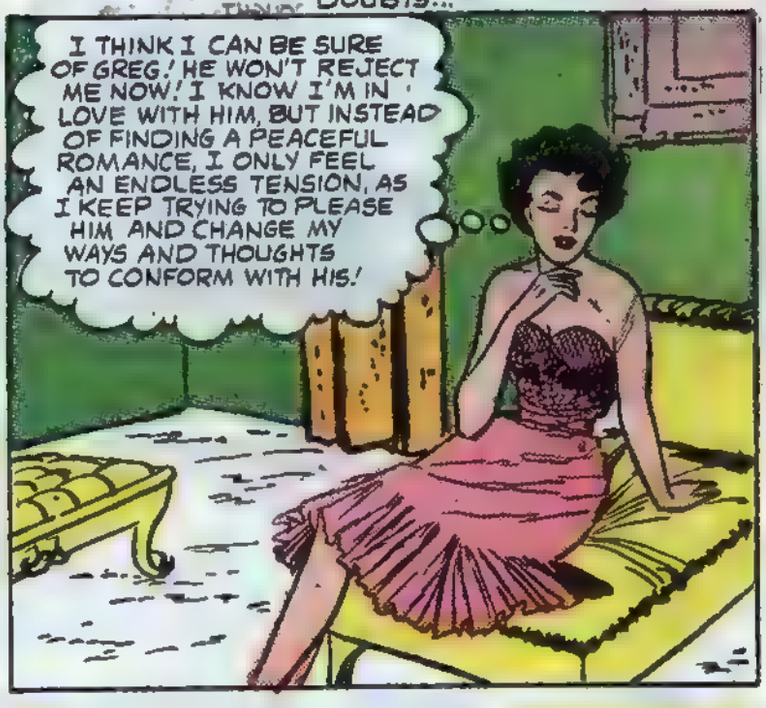
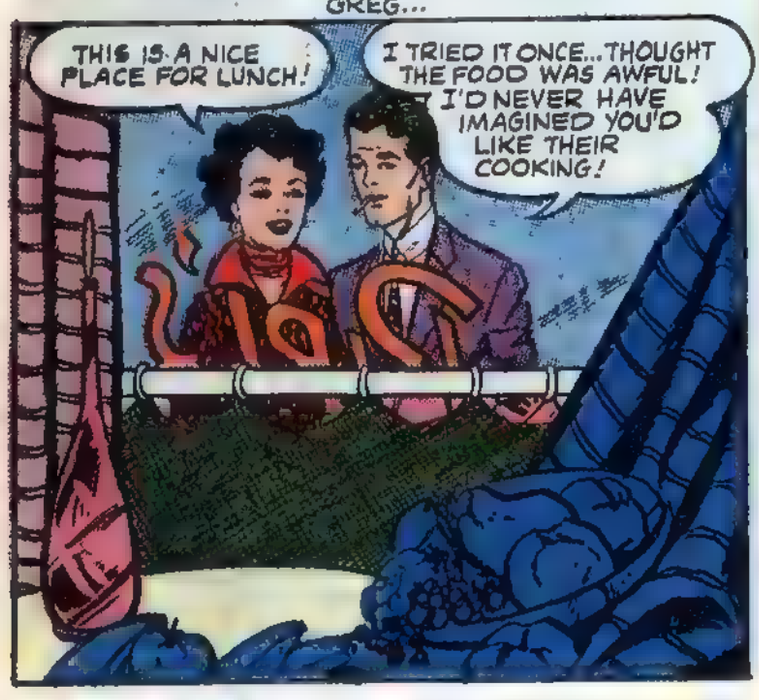
I FOUND JUSTIFICATION FOR MY OWN SELF-DECEPTION IN GREG'S KISSES...

BUT WHEN I WAS ALONE, I COULDN'T AVOID MY OWN DOUBTS...


I THINK I CAN BE SURE OF GREG! HE WON'T REJECT ME NOW! I KNOW I'M IN LOVE WITH HIM, BUT INSTEAD OF FINDING A PEACEFUL ROMANCE, I ONLY FEEL AN ENDLESS TENSION, AS I KEEP TRYING TO PLEASE HIM AND CHANGE MY WAYS AND THOUGHTS TO CONFORM WITH HIS!

MORE AND MORE, I SURRENDERED MY TRUE SELF TO MAKE SURE I'D NEVER START A QUARREL WITH GREG...



GREG DISAPPROVED OF THE VOLUNTEER WORK I DID ON TUESDAY NIGHTS AND MADE ME GIVE IT UP...

NOW TELL ME, AREN'T YOU HAPPIER DANCING HERE WITH ME, THAN WASTING YOUR TIME SOMEPLACE ELSE?

YES, GREG! IT'S MUCH MORE FUN HERE!

I TRIED TO LET THE THRILL OF GREG'S KISS STIFLE MY CONSCIENCE, THAT WISHED TO ANSWER GREG'S FALSE CHARGE ABOUT OUR VERY HELPFUL WORK...

HOW LONG CAN I GO ON CHANGING MYSELF TO PLEASE GREG? BUT IF I RESIST GREG'S OPINION, I MIGHT BE REJECTED BY THE VERY MAN I LOVE!

ANDY DAVIS WAS A NEW EXECUTIVE AT THE FIRM! HE WAS EFFICENT AND UNDERSTANDING, AND AFTER SEEING ME THE SECOND DAY, HE SPOKE TO ME...

MISS SIMMS, YOU'RE ALL WROUGHT-UP... TENSE! AND I'VE BEEN GOING AT MY WORK TOO LONG WITHOUT A BREAK! HOW ABOUT TAKING THE DAY OFF WITH ME?

FINE!

WANT TO GO FOR A WALK THROUGH THE PARK?

THAT'S A WONDERFUL WAY TO RELAX ON AN AFTERNOON OFF!

WE CHATTED GAYLY! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MONTHS, I WAS COMPLETELY RELAXED...

MIND IF I OBEY AN IMPULSE AND COMB OUT MY HAIR?

GO RIGHT AHEAD! TODAY'S DEDICATED TO BEING YOURSELF, AND DOING WHAT YOU WANT TO DO!

WELL, WHICH WAY DO YOU LIKE IT BETTER, ANDY?

THE WAY **YOU** LIKE IT BEST, DIANE! EITHER WAY, YOU'RE VERY PRETTY, BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KNOWS BEST HOW IT MAKES YOU FEEL!

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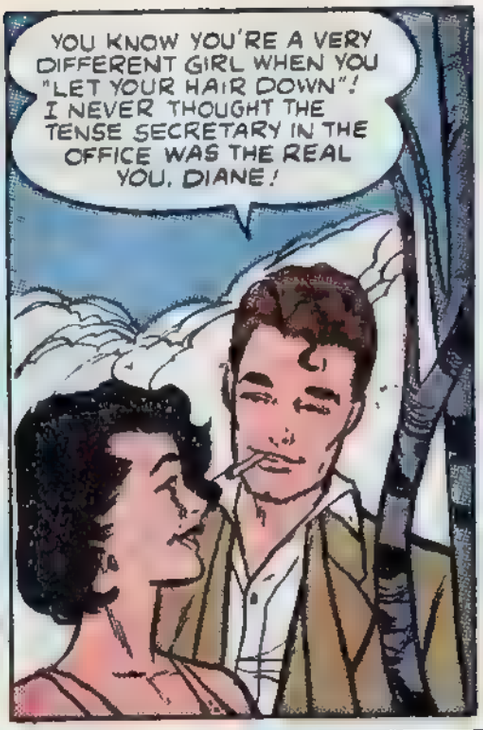
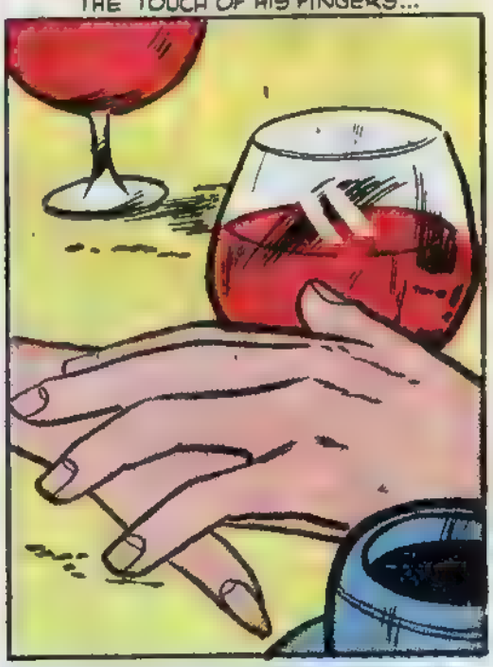
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AGES, I FELT COMPLETELY MYSELF! I NO LONGER FELT TENSE! I LAUGHED FREELY, ENJOYING EVERY MINUTE OF BEING WITH ANDY...

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A VERY DIFFERENT GIRL WHEN YOU "LET YOUR HAIR DOWN"! I NEVER THOUGHT THE TENSE SECRETARY IN THE OFFICE WAS THE REAL YOU, DIANE!



AS WE DINED, ANDY'S HAND TOUCHED MINE! I FELT THE TENDERNESS AT THE TOUCH OF HIS FINGERS...

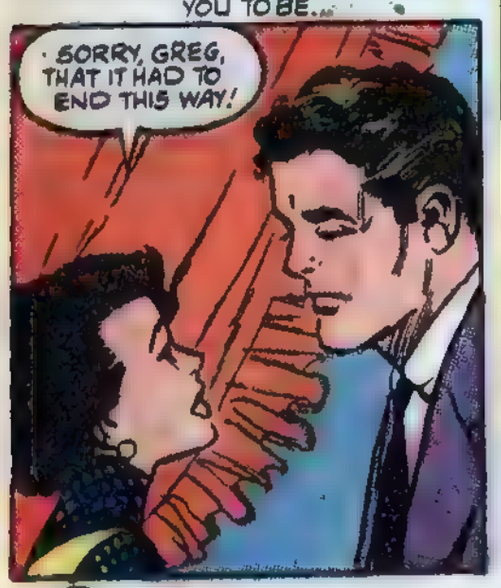


WHEN WE PARTED THAT NIGHT, OUR LIPS MET! ANDY'S KISS HINTED THAT WE BOTH HAD FOUND TRUE LOVE...

THIS IS REALLY LOVE! I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT BEING REJECTED, I CHANGED MY WHOLE PERSONALITY TO MAKE MYSELF OVER INTO THE GIRL GREG WANTED ME TO BE, RATHER THAN REMAIN THE GIRL I TRULY AM!

I KNEW NOW IT WAS BETTER TO BE REJECTED THAN NOT LOVED FOR YOUR OWN TRUE SELF! AND WHEN A MAN LOVES YOU, AS ANDY SEEMED TO LOVE ME, HE LOVES YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE, NOT WHAT HE WANTS YOU TO BE...

SORRY, GREG, THAT IT HAD TO END THIS WAY!



WITH GREG OUT OF MY LIFE, THE TENSION ENDED! I WAS READY TO FACE LIFE AS MYSELF, CONFIDENT THAT TRUE LOVE HAD FOUND ME...

I WAS CHECKING YOUR DESK CALENDAR, DIANE, AND SORT OF FILLED IT IN!

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I FOUND MY LOVE

I HAVE come back to the people and town that I love —and best of all, to the man I love. And although my absence seems short now, there was a time when I thought that I had thrown happiness away with all the means at my disposal . . .

It all began one beautiful spring day when I rushed over to Floyd Bassett's farm. Floyd was a few years older than I and slowly taking over the management of his father's farm. As for myself, I lived with my grandfather, my parents having been killed in a flood many years before. I kept house for my grandfather, but I felt restless in a way I could not understand at that time.

When I reached Floyd's house, his mother told me that he was out in the orchard. As fast as my feet could carry me, I ran through the orchard, avoiding the branches with spring mantle covering them. Then I saw him and the moment he spied me, he lay down his hatchet, mopped his brow and tried to make himself presentable. With the sun streaming down on his full figure, my heart skipped a beat. Suddenly I saw him in a new light—perhaps it was at that moment I really fell in love with him.

"Floyd," I called. "I've just been in town and the circus has posted signs up. They're coming in two days. Will you take me?"

"Just try to go with anyone else," he answered laughing. "You'll have me to answer to."

There was a silence for a moment and then Floyd broke it with the words, "Lucy, come here . . . please a little closer." Suddenly his arms were around me. His voice thickened and quavered. "When will you marry me? . . . I want you . . . I need you around me always."

I was stunned with the suddenness of his proposal and could only answer, "Floyd, you know there isn't anyone but you. But . . . but I'm too young to get married. At times I want to go away from everything I know here. Maybe I want to see the world and live a different kind of life . . . I just can't explain it." I loosened his grip on me and sat down on a newly-cut log. I'll never forget the hurt look on his face. And then suddenly he had fallen down to his knees, and his arms were around me again.

"Lucy, the way I feel now I could wait for you forever, if it's just a matter of waiting." And then he arose and kissed me. I felt completely lost. I was suddenly wrenching myself away and fleeing through the orchard.

I didn't see Floyd until two nights later when, accompanied by his family, he drove past our farm and picked me up to go to the circus. It was a wonderful night for us all, but for different reasons. Floyd was happy to be with me and I was contented to be with him, but even more content because I saw in the circus a means of escape.

He stopped his car in front of my farm and as we walked up to the porch, arm in arm, he turned me around slowly and kissed me tenderly.

"Oh, Floyd, I can't marry you now, I'm too confused. Please let's wait a while." With that he turned and walked back toward his car.

The next morning I went into town and walked straight up to one of the roust-abouts and asked for the manager. As luck would have it, one of the wardrobe women had fallen ill and a replacement was needed. I was hired and told to be ready to leave the next evening.

So I slipped away, leaving notes for the two people most important in my life. And for the first time in my life I slept in a strange bed. I felt bewildered, but everybody in the circus troup was understanding, and there was so much work to be done that, when night came, I fell into bed in utter exhaustion. The thoughts of Floyd and my grandfather were too bitter to think about. I had made my decision; it was too late to turn back.

One month drifted into another, and then one season followed another. It seems that I was constantly on the road. And if it was excitement I wanted, my new life gave it to me. There were always new faces, new situations and the excitement of opening in unfamiliar towns. I had advanced and was being trained as an aerialist. But everything was not all right. I wanted to go back, but I could find no pretext.

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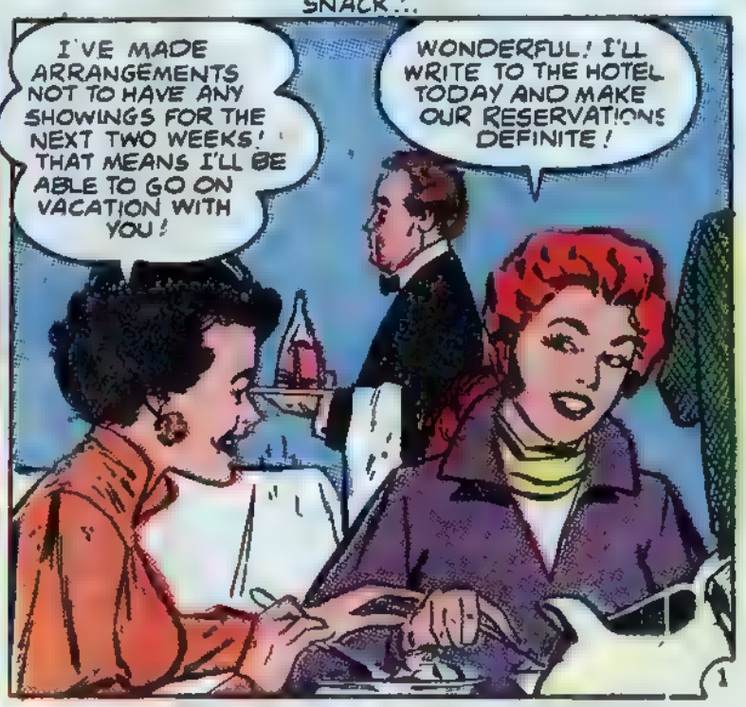
IN MIKE'S MIND WAS THE PICTURE OF ME THAT I HAD CREATED! TO HAVE CHANGED THIS IN ANY WAY MIGHT HAVE MEANT THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR LOVE, AND YET, I COULDN'T GO ON LIVING A LIE! WHAT IS A GIRL TO DO WHEN SHE SETS A TRAP AND FINDS HERSELF CAUGHT IN IT?
SOMEDAY I'LL TELL YOU, MIKE, BUT NOT NOW... I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH!

SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE I FIRST MET MIKE, I HAD A DAY OFF FROM WORK, AND WENT TO A FASHION SHOW IN WHICH MONICA WAS MODELING...

AFTER THE SHOW, MONICA AND I STOPPED IN FOR A SNACK...


I'VE MADE ARRANGEMENTS NOT TO HAVE ANY SHOWINGS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS! THAT MEANS I'LL BE ABLE TO GO ON VACATION WITH YOU!
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I STILL HAVEN'T MET THE KIND OF GUY I'D LIKE, MONICA! DURING THE SHOW TODAY, I BEGAN TO THINK THAT PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE OF THE KIND OF WORK I DO!
TEACHING IS A VERY ADMIRABLE, AND MUCH RESPECTED PROFESSION, LINDA!
BUT IT DOESN'T SOUND GLAMOROUS! I'D LIKE TO MEET AN EXCITING TYPE OF BOY, AND PERHAPS I HAVEN'T, BECAUSE THAT TYPE LOOKS FOR A MORE GLAMOROUS GIRL! I WANT YOU TO TELL ME ALL THE DETAILS INVOLVED IN YOUR WORK, MONICA!
I WILL... BUT WHY?
WHEN WE'RE ON VACATION, I'M NOT GOING TO TELL ANYONE THAT I'M A SCHOOL-TEACHER! SOME BOYS ARE IMPRESSED BY GLAMOUR, AND IF I LET THEM BELIEVE THAT I'M A MODEL, MAYBE THEN I'LL MEET THE KIND OF BOY I WANT!
MY FRIEND, YOU ARE NOW ENROLLED IN "MONICA'S MODELING SCHOOL"!
WHEN WE ARRIVED AT THE HOTEL, I SENSED THAT THE BOYS WHO HAD TAKEN NOTICE OF US WERE QUITE IMPRESSED...
LINDA, YOU'RE EVEN BEGINNING TO WALK LIKE A MODEL!
ANXIOUS TO TAKE PART IN THE ACTIVITIES, WE UNPACKED QUICKLY AND HEADED FOR THE TENNIS COURTS...
BALL, PLEASE!
GUES
COU
ON SECOND THOUGHT, DON'T THROW... WHY DON'T YOU BRING THE BALL OVER AND STAY FOR A SET OF DOUBLES? IF YOUR TENNIS IS AS GOOD AS YOUR LOOKS, WE'LL BE THE WINNING TEAM!
YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A GAME!
MIKE WAS ABSOLUTELY CAPTIVATING! I DON'T KNOW HOW I MANAGED TO HELP US WIN THE MATCH... I WAS SO EXCITED BEING WITH HIM, THAT I WAS HARDLY ABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE GAME...
EVERYTHING ACCORDING TO CUSTOM! WINNERS OVER THE NET...OVER YOU GO!
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LET ME TREAT YOU TO ICE CREAM OR A COKE!
THANK YOU, BUT I DON'T CARE FOR ANY!
C'MON...IT'LL DO YOU GOOD! PUT YOU IN SHAPE FOR WORK WHEN YOU GET HOME! WHAT DO YOU DO, ANYWAY?
I...ER... I'M A FASHION MODEL!
I COULD HAVE BITTEN MY TONGUE FOR HAVING LIED, BUT THERE WAS NO GOING BACK...
A MODEL, EH? WELL, NO WONDER YOU WON'T HAVE ANY ICE CREAM... YOU CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE OF SPOILING YOUR BEAUTIFUL FIGURE!
YES, THAT'S RIGHT! I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT I EAT!
WELL THEN, SUPPOSE YOU LET ME ESCORT YOU TO THE DANCE TONIGHT...YOU CAN'T GAIN ANY WEIGHT THAT WAY!
FINE! IT'S A DATE!
LINDA, I COULD HARDLY WAIT TO SEE YOU AGAIN! I COULDN'T THINK OF A BETTER WAY OF BEGINNING A WONDERFUL VACATION THAN SPENDING IT WITH YOU!
THANKS...YOU'RE VERY NICE, MIKE!
MIKE WAS SO COMPLETELY HONEST, WHICH MADE ME ALL THE MORE ASHAMED AT WHAT I HAD DONE...
I'M NOT BEING NICE, LINDA, JUST HONEST! HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY YOU KNOW!
THE NEXT THING I KNEW, I WAS IN HIS ARMS AND WAS BEING KISSED TENDERLY...
OH, MIKE! I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I'M NOT REALLY A MODEL, BUT I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU, AND I'M AFRAID THAT ONCE YOU KNOW I LIED, YOU'LL LEAVE WITHOUT LETTING ME EXPLAIN!
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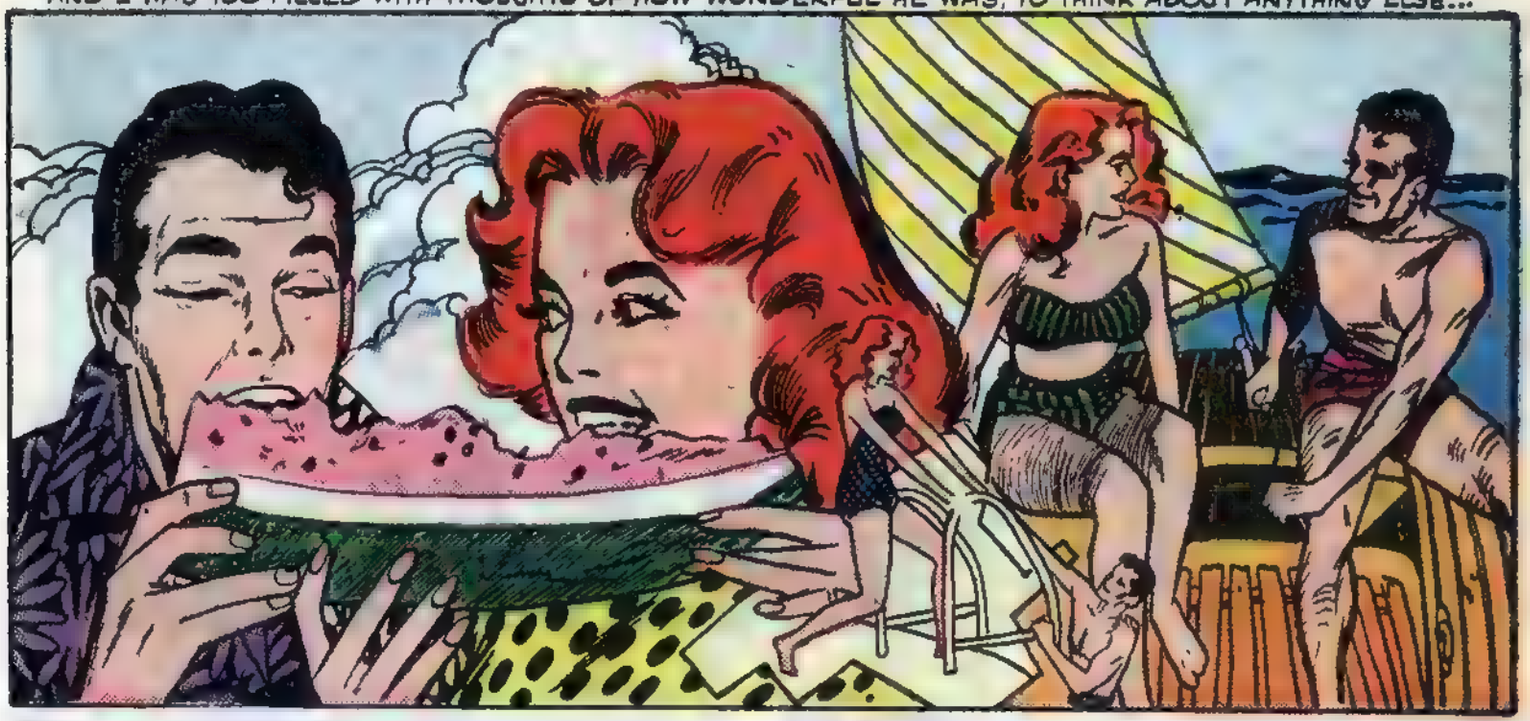
MY CONSCIENCE BOTHERED ME THAT NIGHT, BUT FROM THE NEXT DAY ON, I SPENT EVERY MINUTE WITH MIKE, AND I WAS TOO FILLED WITH THOUGHTS OF HOW WONDERFUL HE WAS, TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE...

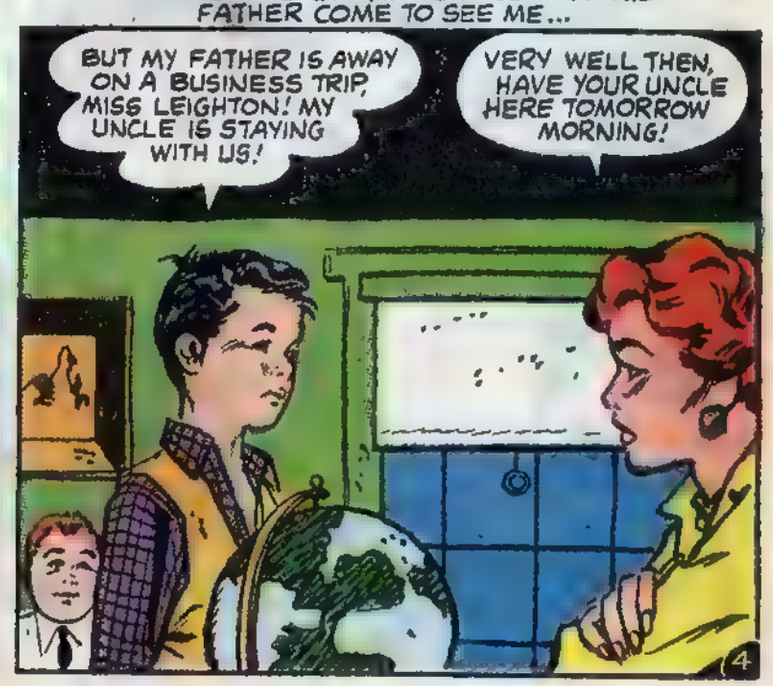


THIS IS THE LAST NIGHT OF A MOST MARVELOUS VACATION!
DARLING, I LOVED YOU SINCE THAT FIRST DAY! THE ONLY DISTURBING THING NOW IS, THAT I WON'T ENJOY THE THOUGHT OF OTHERS ADMIRING YOU WHEN YOU MODEL!

SLEEP CAME HARD THAT NIGHT! MY MIND COULDN'T BE AT REST, FOR IT WAS FILLED WITH FEELINGS OF GUILT...

ONCE HOME, I THOUGHT THAT TEACHING WOULD HELP ME TO FORGET ABOUT MY PROBLEM, BUT TEACHING KEPT POINTING UP THE FACT THAT I HAD SAID I WAS A MODEL! I WAS TERRIBLY UPSET AND SHORT WITH THE CHILDREN ...

MY OWN IRRITABILITY WAS REFLECTED IN MY ATTITUDE TOWARD JOHNNY PARKER! BECAUSE HE WAS CHEWING GUM, I INSISTED THAT HIS FATHER COME TO SEE ME...


BUT MY FATHER IS AWAY ON A BUSINESS TRIP, MISS LEIGHTON! MY UNCLE IS STAYING WITH US!
VERY WELL THEN, HAVE YOUR UNCLE HERE TOMORROW MORNING!

THE NEXT DAY, WHEN JOHNNY TOLD ME THAT HIS UNCLE WAS WAITING, I STEPPED OUT TO SEE HIM AND HAD THE SHOCK OF MY LIFE...
MIKE!
LINDA! THAT IS, MISS LEIGHTON... YOU SENT FOR ME! I'M JOHNNY'S UNCLE!
MIKE, PLEASE, GIVE ME A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN! I INTENDED TO TELL YOU BUT...
MISS LEIGHTON, YOUR PUPILS ARE WAITING FOR YOU! EXCUSE ME PLEASE!
THIS IS WHAT I DESERVE, AND I HAVE NO ONE TO BLAME BUT MYSELF! BUT I LOVE HIM TOO MUCH TO LET HIM WALK OUT OF MY LIFE THIS WAY! I'LL CALL HIM TONIGHT AND PERHAPS HE'LL LET ME EXPLAIN!
I GATHERED ALL MY COURAGE AND CALLED MIKE THAT NIGHT! FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER, HE WAS AT MY HOUSE...
I'M SURPRISED YOU CALLED, LINDA! THIS MORNING I THOUGHT THAT IF YOU COULD HAVE DECEIVED ME AS FAR AS YOUR WORK IS CONCERNED, YOUR LOVE MUST HAVE BEEN DECEITFUL TOO!
I EXPLAINED EVERYTHING TO MIKE AND HE WAS WONDERFULLY UNDERSTANDING! THE ONLY THING THAT WAS STRONGER THAN MY BEING SORRY FOR WHAT I HAD DONE, WAS MY LOVE FOR MIKE!
AND SO YOU SEE, MIKE, TEACHERS CAN LEARN TOO! YOU'VE TAUGHT ME A LESSON I SHALL NEVER FORGET!
YOU KNOW, DARLING... WITH YOUR BACKGROUND AS A TEACHER, YOU'LL MAKE A WONDERFUL MOTHER FOR OUR CHILDREN!
MIKE... ARE YOU PROPOSING?
HIS KISS ANSWERED MY QUESTION, AND I WAS AS HAPPY AS ANY GIRL CAN BE, WHEN SHE KNOWS SHE HAS FOUND A TRUE AND HONEST LOVE...
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I hungered after news—news of Floyd. My sudden realization of that beautiful spring day when I first discovered that I loved him came back to me with telling force. And when my best girl friend wrote and the letter finally caught up with me, the news that I received tore my heart. Although my grandfather took my leave-taking well enough, Floyd's reaction to my desertion left me guilt-stricken. He had become more serious, morose and very hard-working. And yet my agony was relieved by the selfish knowledge that Floyd was still free and probably would not marry for a long time. And then I cried bitterly, "Free—to suffer as I have?"

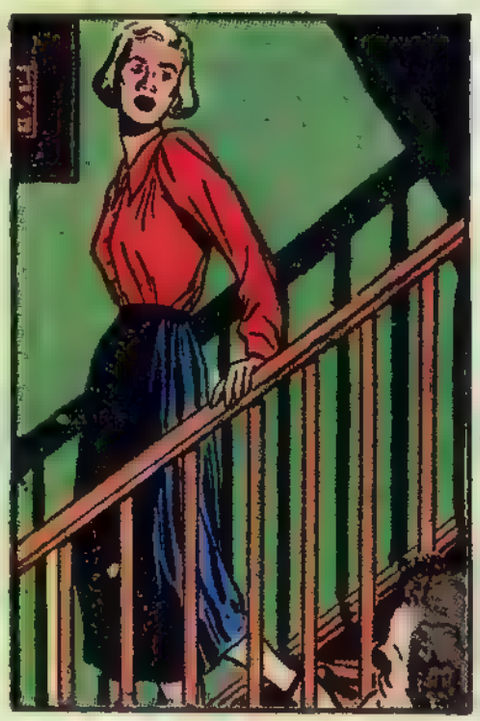
Almost a year had gone by since I had left. And then one day I received a telegram telling me to come back immediately since my grandfather was very ill. At last I had a pretext for returning! Yet as much as I wanted to go home, I was filled with a sense of dread. I could not bear the thought of once again facing Floyd, after what I had done to him. If only he would sweep me in his arms! Then these long months would seem like nothing.

When I arrived, the station master told me that my grandfather was being taken care of by Floyd's mother. Now I knew that I would have to face Floyd and would have no time to prepare myself. When I arrived, I was told that my grandfather was much improved and definitely out of danger. I went into his room and he looked up from his pillow.

"Hello, Lucy girl. Isn't this a fine thing for your grand-dad to do? I've never been sick a day in my life. They won't have me in this bed long."

I was too touched to say anything, for I knew that he had forgiven me. I bent over to kiss his face. And then we talked of old times and I promised him that I should never leave again. We didn't say a word about Floyd. I guess my grandfather realized that we two were in the hands of fate.

Later I softly tiptoed out of the room, and as I made my way down the hall, I saw *him*. He seemed more mature and I noticed his face paled when he caught sight of me. "Hello,"



was the only word I managed to say.

"How well you are looking," Floyd answered softly in a flat voice. The silence was an agonizing one for both of us, broken only by his saying he had to attend to some chores. Then I fully understood that he had missed me and that he almost hated me now.

That night I went over to my house to prepare it for my grandfather, when he was well enough to resume his life there. But as I busied myself around the rooms, my heart was full of sorrow. I wanted Floyd near me and just the thought of living so close to him and yet being so far away made my heart freeze within me.

Then I heard a sound of gravel crunching and then footsteps. Curious and rather frightened, I went out onto the porch. It was Floyd!

Somehow I didn't care what happened to me or what Floyd thought. I ran forward and threw my arms around him. If I had to lose him, I wanted him to know at least how I felt. And then I was crying. I sobbed, "Oh, Floyd, I've missed you so terribly. What I did to you I couldn't help. I had to learn what being away from the things I loved really meant . . ." But I couldn't go on and just buried my head in his shoulder.

He didn't say anything for a moment, and then I felt his arms tighten about me.

"Lucy, if you only knew how I missed you. Sometimes I even came around your house, thinking maybe you had come back and not let me know. I schemed all sorts of wild plans to get you back, but I knew you had to come back on your own." His voice had become happier and when he held my chin, I could see in the shadows that he was wistfully smiling.

"Not all the cities, circuses and people in the world could make me leave now." I said.

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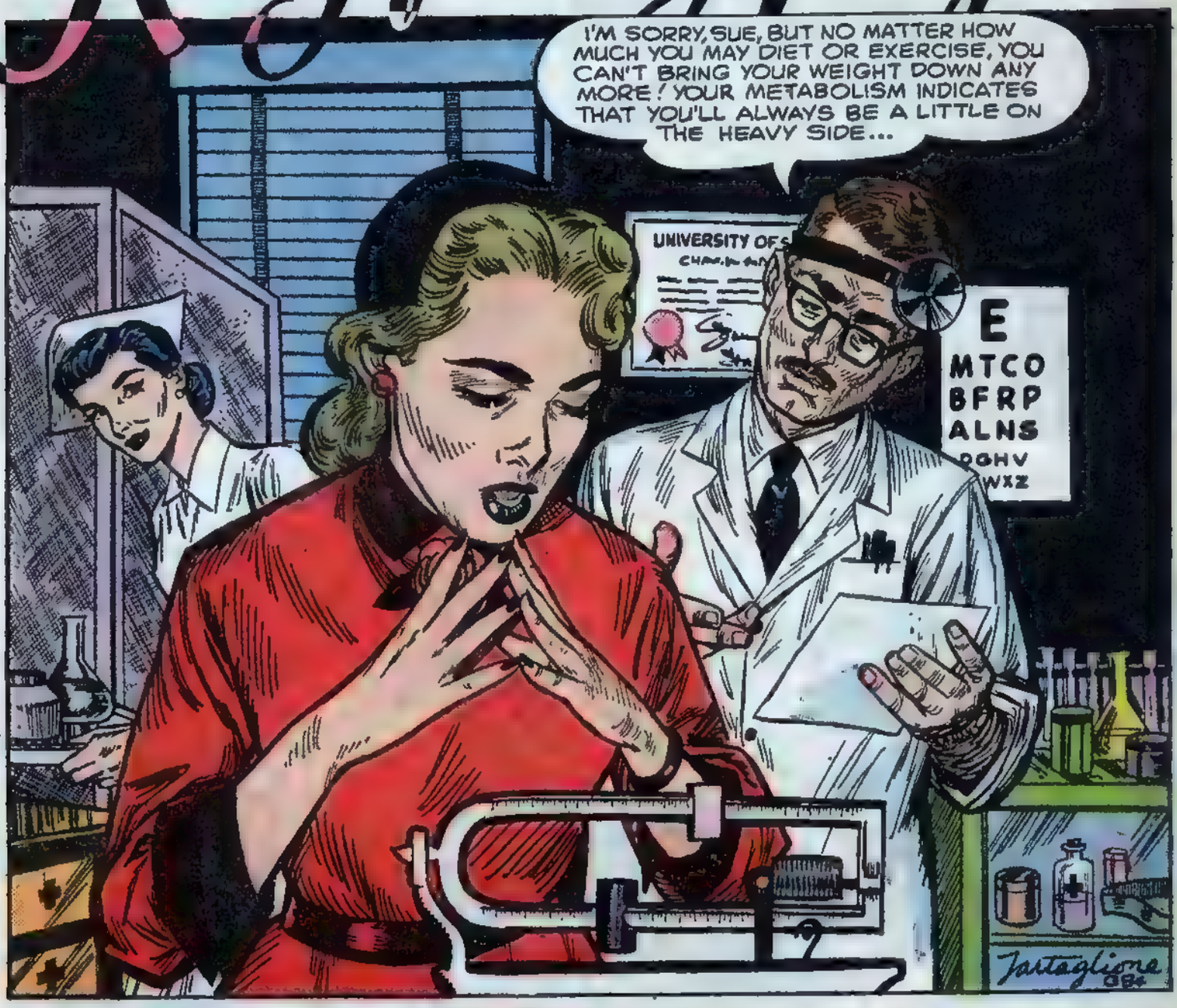
I'M SORRY, SUE, BUT NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU MAY DIET OR EXERCISE, YOU CAN'T BRING YOUR WEIGHT DOWN ANY MORE! YOUR METABOLISM INDICATES THAT YOU'LL ALWAYS BE A LITTLE ON THE HEAVY SIDE...
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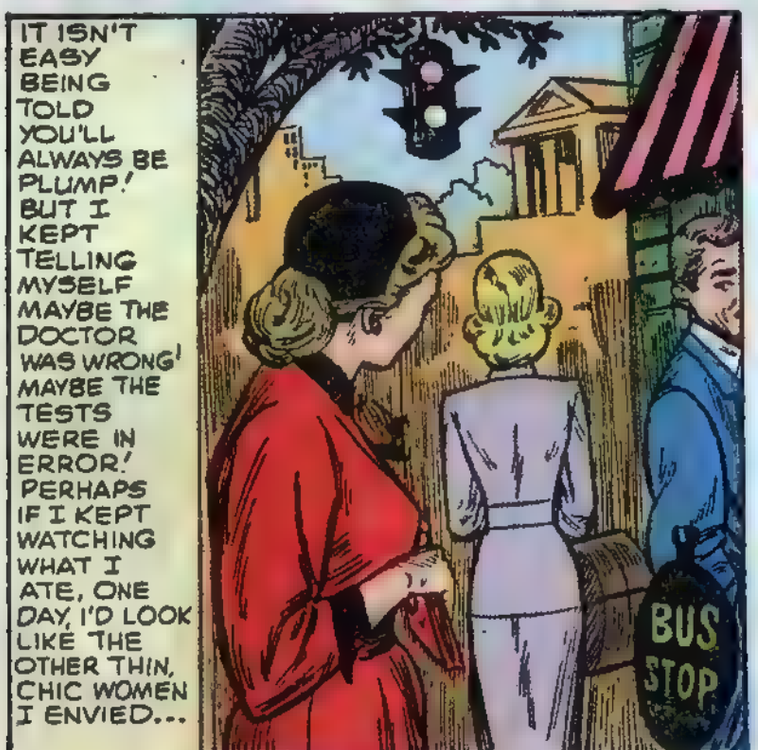
IT ISN'T EASY BEING TOLD YOU'LL ALWAYS BE PLUMP! BUT I KEPT TELLING MYSELF MAYBE THE DOCTOR WAS WRONG! MAYBE THE TESTS WERE IN ERROR! PERHAPS IF I KEPT WATCHING WHAT I ATE, ONE DAY, I'D LOOK LIKE THE OTHER THIN, CHIC WOMEN I ENVIED...
BUS STOP

IT WASN'T THEIR FIGURES ALONE I ENVIED...IT WAS THE CHANCES THEIR ATTRACTIVENESS GAVE THEM WITH MEN! I HAD BEEN KISSED LIKE ANY OTHER GIRL...
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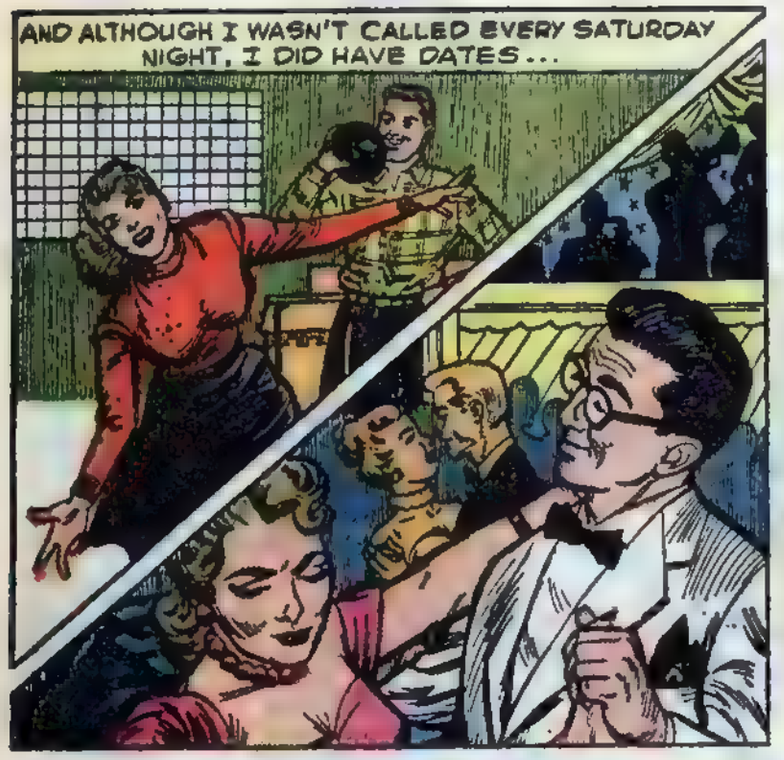
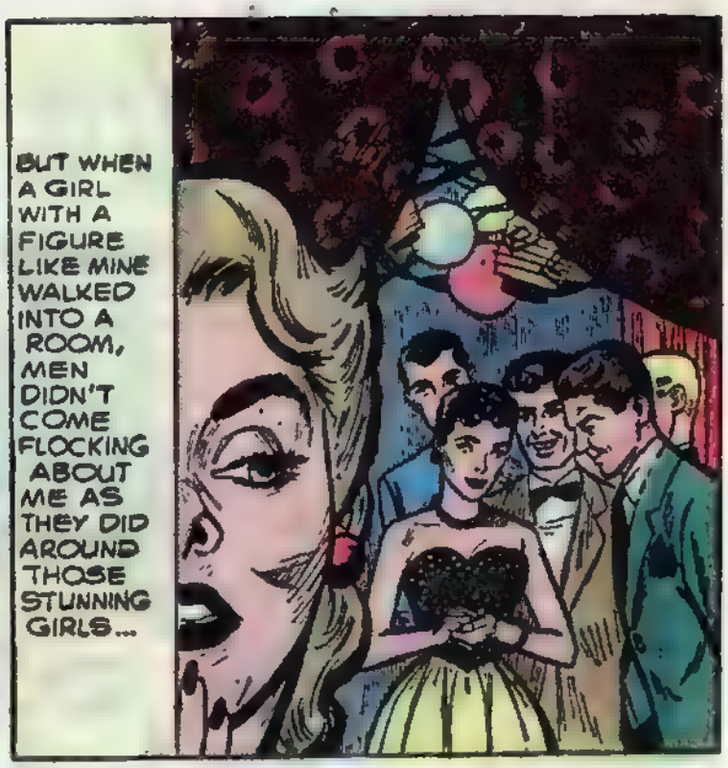
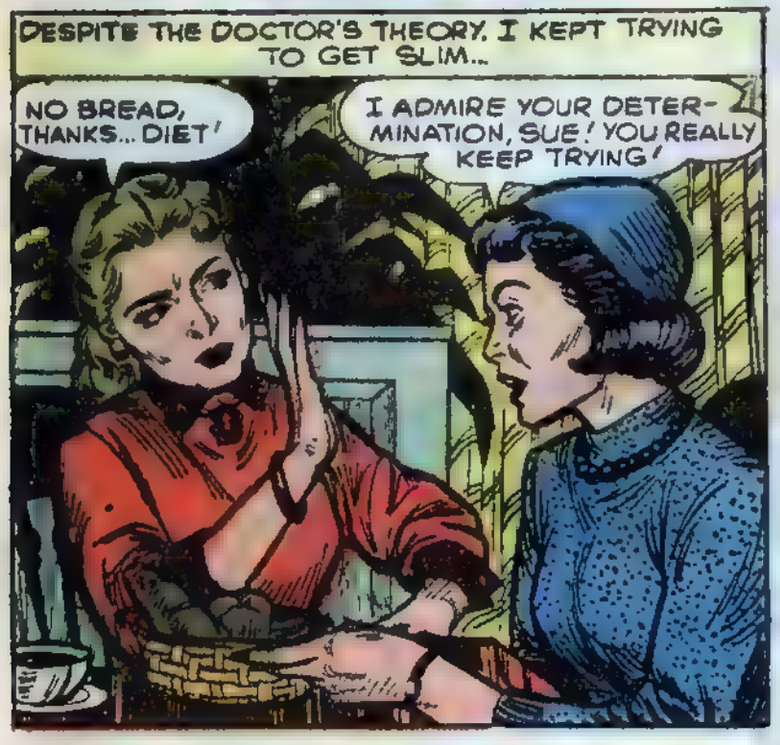
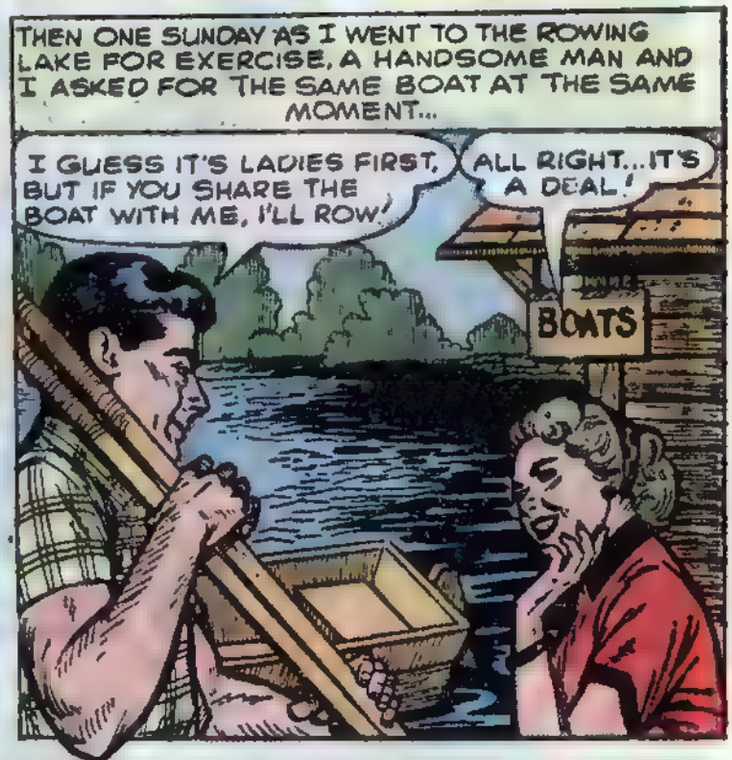
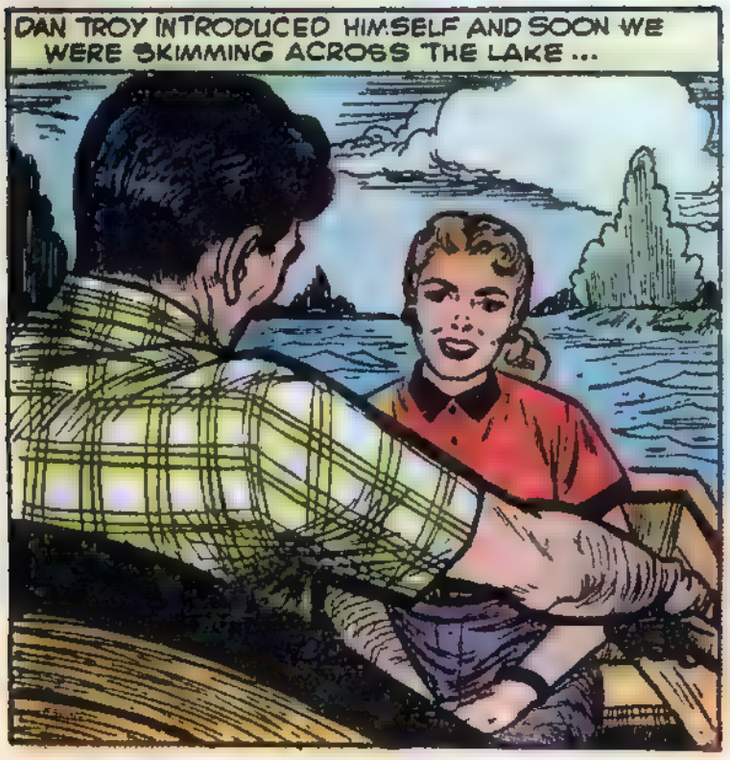
"MY GIRL PEARL" IS ON SALE NOW! DON'T MISS AMERICA'S DARLING DIM-WIT!


AND ALTHOUGH I WASN'T CALLED EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT, I DID HAVE DATES...

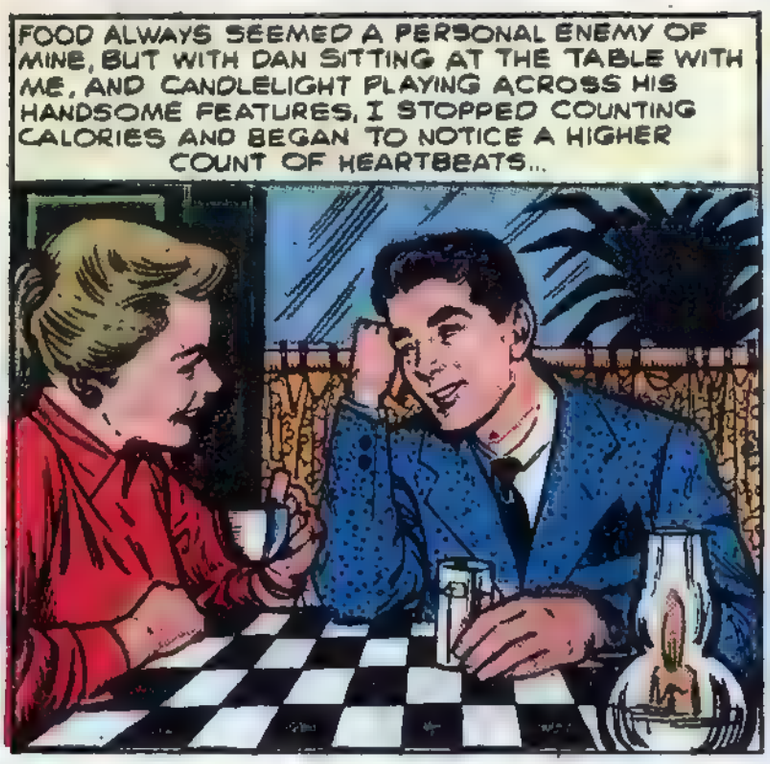

BUT WHEN A GIRL WITH A FIGURE LIKE MINE WALKED INTO A ROOM, MEN DIDN'T COME FLOCKING ABOUT ME AS THEY DID AROUND THOSE STUNNING GIRLS...

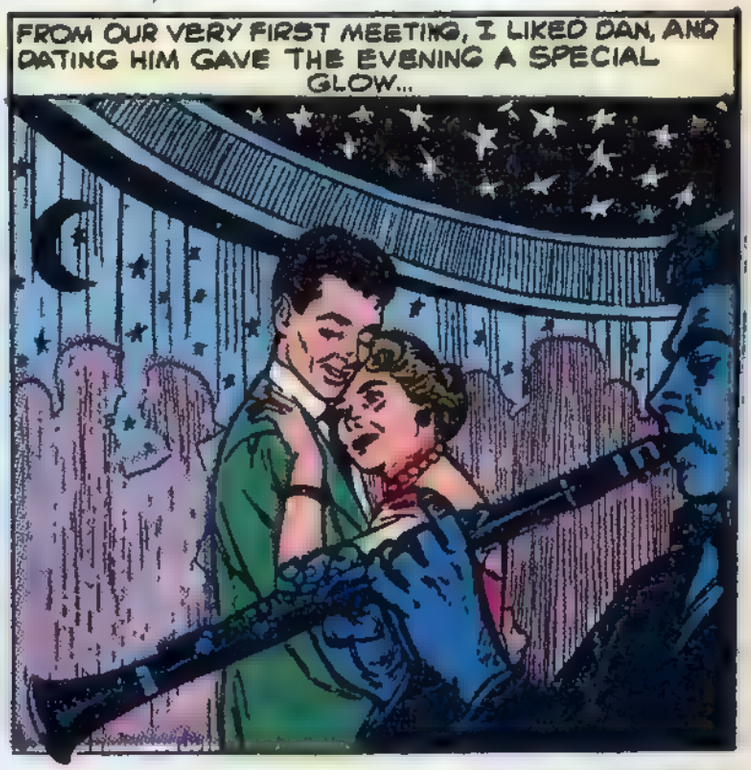

DESPITE THE DOCTOR'S THEORY, I KEPT TRYING TO GET SLIM...
NO BREAD, THANKS... DIET!
I ADMIRE YOUR DETERMINATION, SUE! YOU REALLY KEEP TRYING!

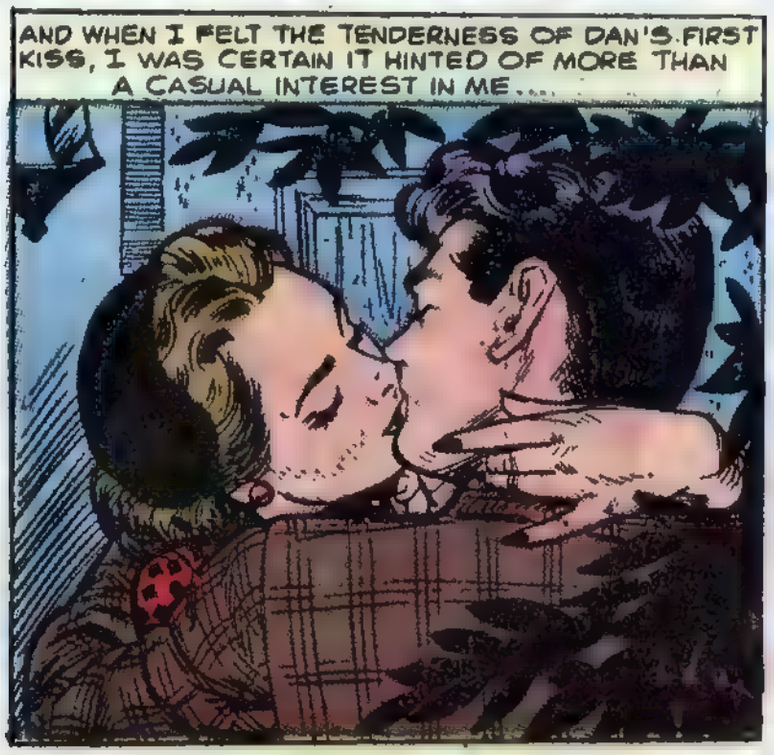

THEN ONE SUNDAY AS I WENT TO THE ROWING LAKE FOR EXERCISE, A HANDSOME MAN AND I ASKED FOR THE SAME BOAT AT THE SAME MOMENT...
I GUESS IT'S LADIES FIRST, BUT IF YOU SHARE THE BOAT WITH ME, I'LL ROW!
ALL RIGHT... IT'S A DEAL!
BOATS

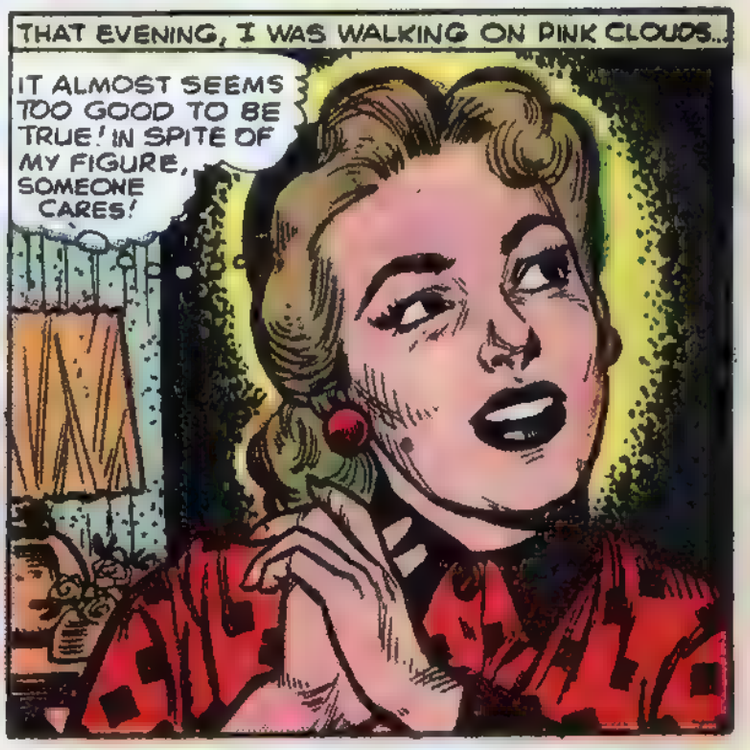

DAN TROY INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND SOON WE WERE SKIMMING ACROSS THE LAKE...

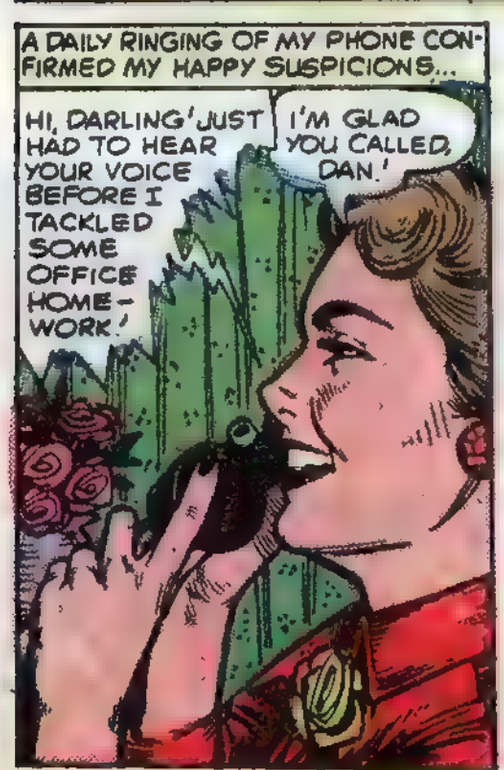
DAN'S GAY CHATTER PUT ME COMPLETELY AT EASE, AND SOON I FORGOT THAT I HAD COME OUT TO ROW FOR EXERCISE AND BEGAN TO ENJOY MYSELF...
SO THAT I WON'T BE "AT SEA" WITH YOU ANY LONGER, SUE... HOW ABOUT DINNER TONIGHT?
FINE, DAN... BUT LET ME TAKE THE OARS FOR A WHILE SO I CAN WORK UP AN APPETITE!

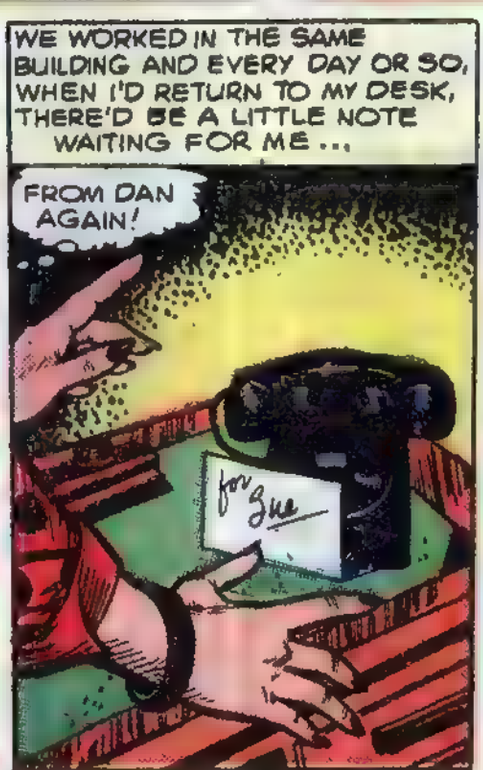

FOOD ALWAYS SEEMED A PERSONAL ENEMY OF MINE, BUT WITH DAN SITTING AT THE TABLE WITH ME, AND CANDLELIGHT PLAYING ACROSS HIS HANDSOME FEATURES, I STOPPED COUNTING CALORIES AND BEGAN TO NOTICE A HIGHER COUNT OF HEARTBEATS...





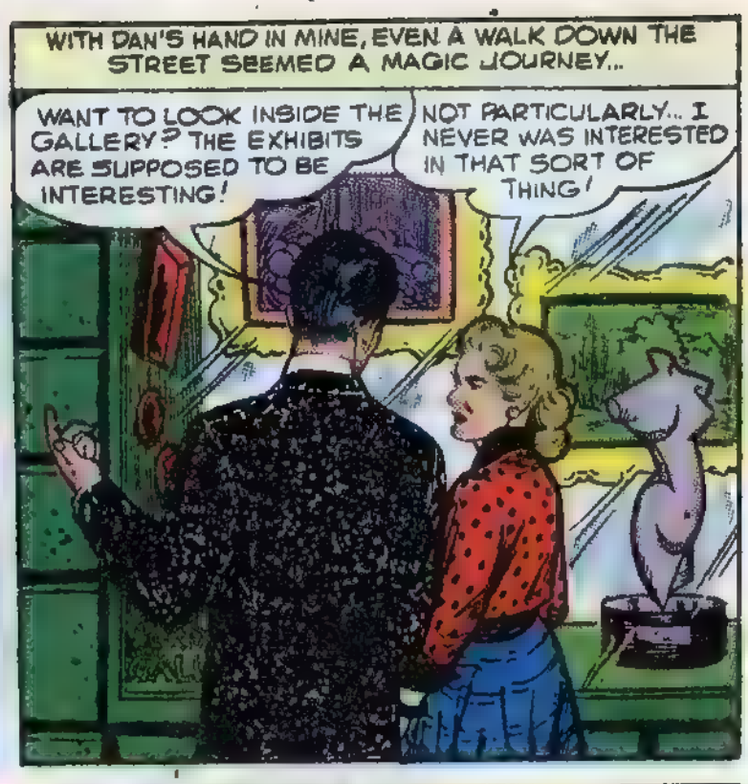


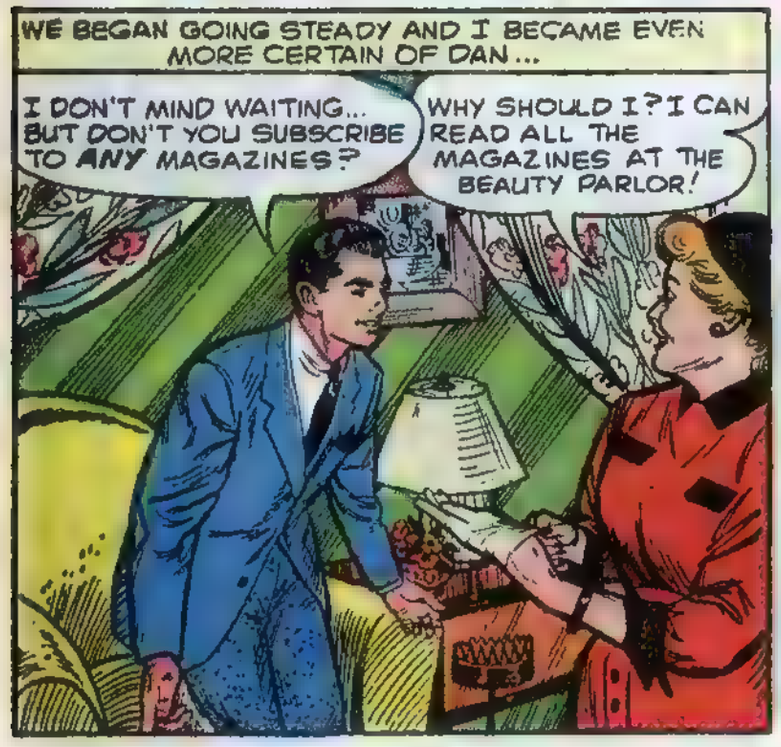

A DAILY RINGING OF MY PHONE CONFIRMED MY HAPPY SUSPICIONS...
HI, DARLING! JUST HAD TO HEAR YOUR VOICE BEFORE I TACKLED SOME OFFICE HOME-WORK!
I'M GLAD YOU CALLED, DAN!

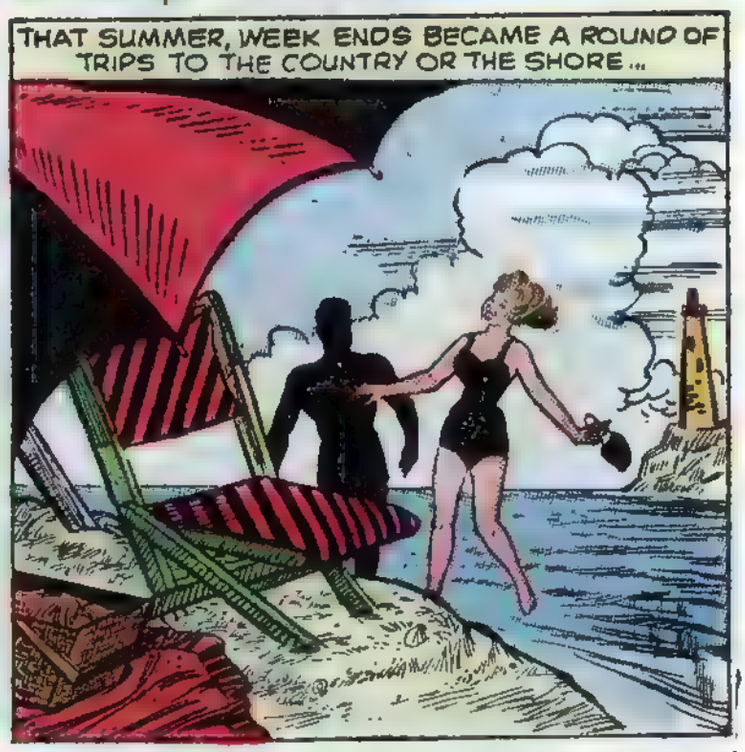

WE WORKED IN THE SAME BUILDING AND EVERY DAY OR SO, WHEN I'D RETURN TO MY DESK, THERE'D BE A LITTLE NOTE WAITING FOR ME...
FROM DAN AGAIN!
for Sue

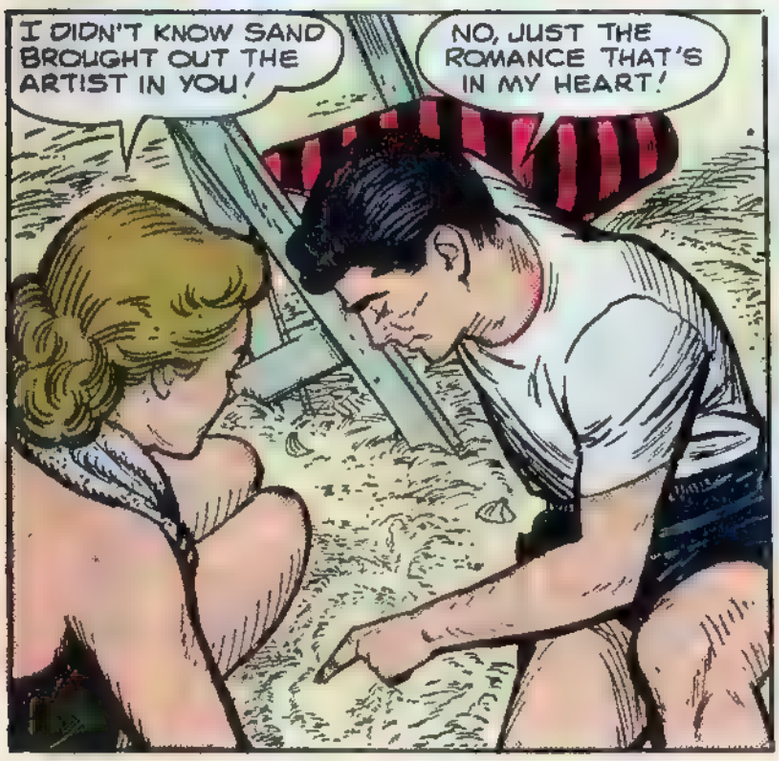
AT LAST, IN HER OWN MAGAZINE... DON'T MISS: "MEET MISS BLISS!"

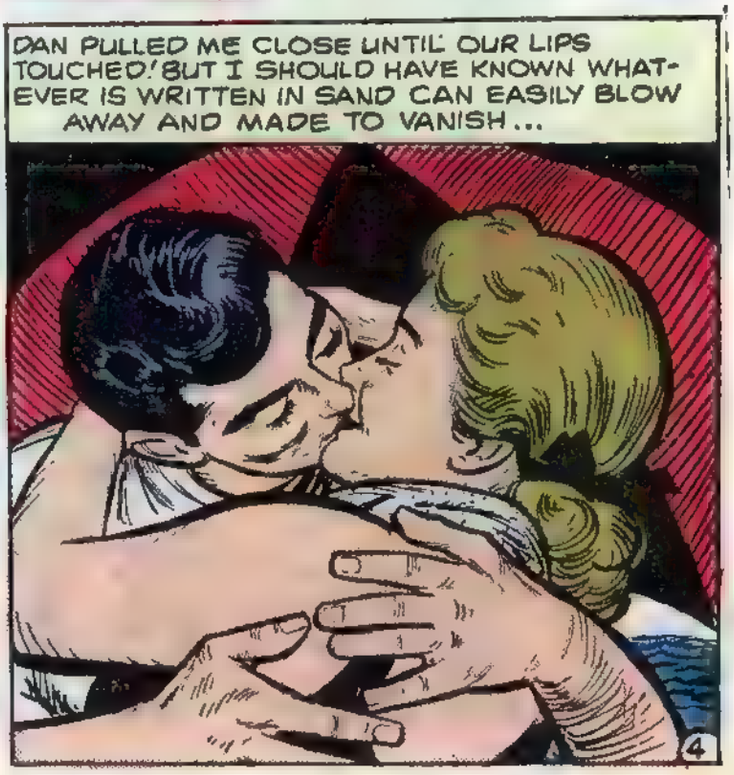
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I FELT CONFIDENT AND CERTAIN THAT MY TIME FOR ROMANCE HAD COME..

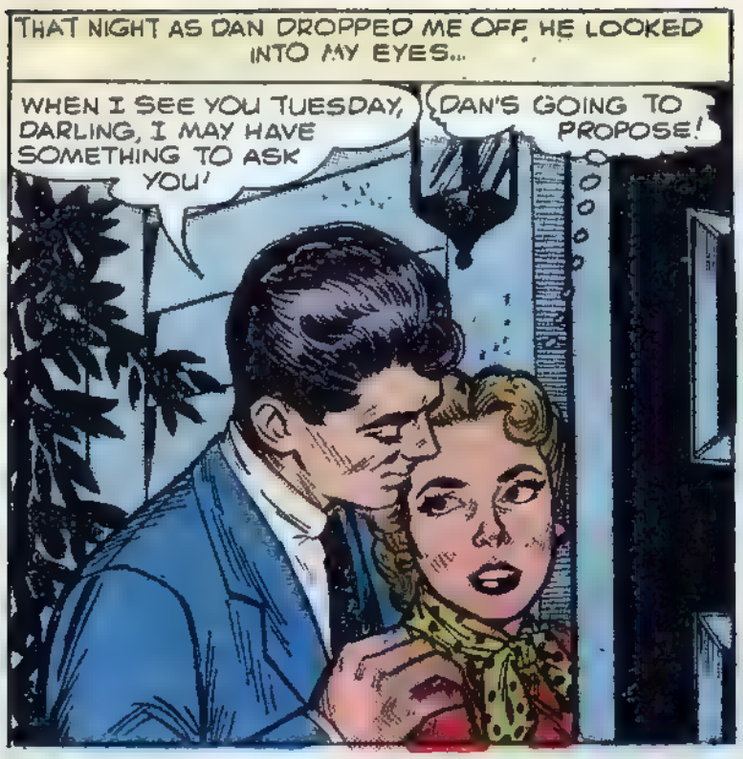

WITH DAN'S HAND IN MINE, EVEN A WALK DOWN THE STREET SEEMED A MAGIC JOURNEY...
WANT TO LOOK INSIDE THE GALLERY? THE EXHIBITS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE INTERESTING!
NOT PARTICULARLY.. I NEVER WAS INTERESTED IN THAT SORT OF THING!

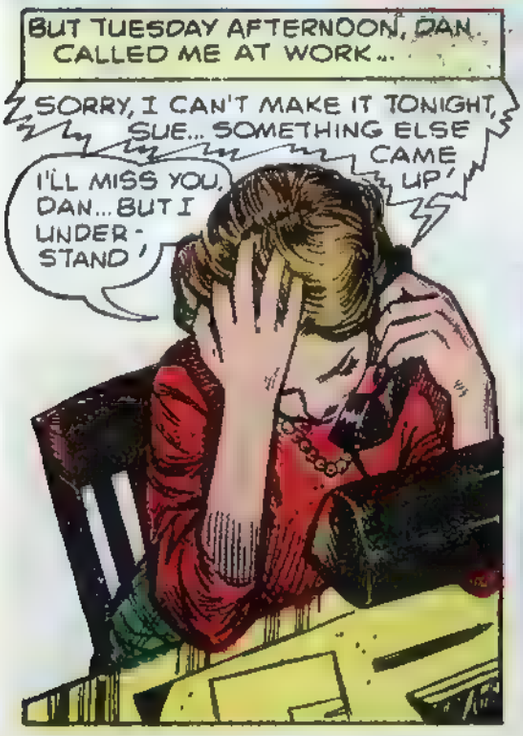

WE BEGAN GOING STEADY AND I BECAME EVEN MORE CERTAIN OF DAN...
I DON'T MIND WAITING... BUT DON'T YOU SUBSCRIBE TO ANY MAGAZINES?
WHY SHOULD I? I CAN READ ALL THE MAGAZINES AT THE BEAUTY PARLOR!


THAT SUMMER, WEEK ENDS BECAME A ROUND OF TRIPS TO THE COUNTRY OR THE SHORE...


I DIDN'T KNOW SAND BROUGHT OUT THE ARTIST IN YOU!
NO, JUST THE ROMANCE THAT'S IN MY HEART!

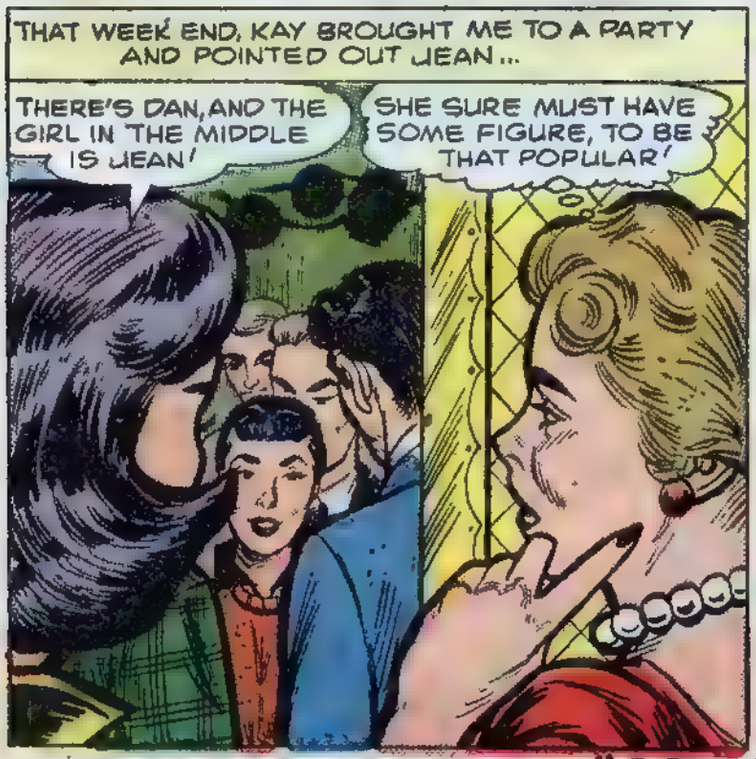

DAN PULLED ME CLOSE UNTIL OUR LIPS TOUCHED! BUT I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN WHATEVER IS WRITTEN IN SAND CAN EASILY BLOW AWAY AND MADE TO VANISH...


THAT NIGHT AS DAN DROPPED ME OFF, HE LOOKED INTO MY EYES...
WHEN I SEE YOU TUESDAY, DARLING, I MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK YOU!
DAN'S GOING TO PROPOSE!


BUT TUESDAY AFTERNOON, DAN CALLED ME AT WORK...
SORRY, I CAN'T MAKE IT TONIGHT, SUE... SOMETHING ELSE CAME UP!
I'LL MISS YOU, DAN... BUT I UNDERSTAND!

BUT WEDNESDAY, I LEARNED I HADN'T UNDERSTOOD..
I THOUGHT YOU AND DAN WERE ALTAR-BOUND, SUE! BUT I WAS AT A PARTY LAST NIGHT AND HE WAS THERE WITH A GIRL NAMED JEAN!
WELL... WE'RE AREN'T ENGAGED!

THAT NIGHT I COULDN'T HOLD BACK MY TEARS..
ANOTHER GIRL! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN ALL ALONG THIS WOULD HAPPEN! YOU CAN'T HOLD A MAN WITH A FIGURE LIKE MINE!


THAT WEEK END, KAY BROUGHT ME TO A PARTY AND POINTED OUT JEAN...
THERE'S DAN, AND THE GIRL IN THE MIDDLE IS JEAN!
SHE SURE MUST HAVE SOME FIGURE, TO BE THAT POPULAR!

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I KEPT BEHIND DAN SO HE WOULDN'T SEE ME AS I TRIED TO LEARN THE SECRET OF JEAN'S STARTLING SUCCESS WITH MEN...

IT'S HER PERSONALITY! SHE'S HOLDING THEM SPELLBOUND WITH HER CHARM AND KNOWLEDGE ON DOZENS OF TOPICS OF INTEREST!

FUNNY, IT NEVER STRUCK ME WHEN DAN QUESTIONED ME ABOUT THE ART GALLERY, MAGAZINES, BOOKS AND WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD, THAT HE WANTED TO SEE WHAT WE HAD IN COMMON! I'VE BEEN SO BUSY WORRYING ABOUT MY FIGURE, I NEVER TRIED TO DEVELOP MYSELF IN ANY OTHER WAY!

FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, I BEGAN READING AND SEEING THINGS OTHER THAN MY FIGURE IN A MIRROR! THE FUNNY PART OF IT WAS, I FOUND I HAD BEEN MISSING A LOT OF INTERESTING THINGS..

THOSE CLUB MEETINGS AND LECTURES THE GIRLS AT THE OFFICE WERE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT SUDDENLY MADE SENSE! I BEGAN TO LEARN WHAT WAS GOING ON AROUND ME...

WHEN I MET DAN NEXT TIME AT A PARTY, I LET HIM CHOOSE THE TOPIC AND I KEPT UP WITH HIM...

I NEVER KNEW YOU WERE INTERESTED IN HISTORIC NOVELS!

I WASN'T, DAN, UNTIL I STOPPED READING A CALORY CHART!

I BOUGHT SOMETHING FOR YOU THE DAY BEFORE I CANCELLED OUR DATE! SINCE THEN I'VE ARGUED WITH MYSELF MANY TIMES WHETHER TO OFFER IT TO YOU! TONIGHT I'D LIKE YOU TO TRY IT ON FOR SIZE!

WHAT IS IT, DAN?

HOW DOES IT FIT, DARLING?

IT'S A BIT TIGHT, DAN... I'M AFRAID IT WILL NEVER COME OFF!

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